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# TRIBAL MOBILITY FUND PHASE I AUCTION UPDATED LIST OF ELIGIBLE AREAS FOR AUCTION 902

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- 1. With this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus (collectively, the Bureaus) release an updated list of eligible areas for the reverse auction that will award up to \$50 million in one-time Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I support, Auction 902. The updated list reflects changes to the eligible areas for Auction 902 based on authorizations of support and default determinations from the initial auction of Mobility Fund Phase I support, Auction 901. Bidding in Auction 902 is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.
- 2. This is a further update of the list of census blocks identified by the Bureaus in the *Auction 902 Procedures Public Notice* as eligible for the Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I support to be offered in Auction 902.<sup>3</sup> At that time, the Bureaus released a file with information about the bidding areas for Auction 902 and a file containing detailed information about the census blocks of those bidding areas.<sup>4</sup> In the list of bidding areas released with the *Auction 902 Procedures Public Notice*, the Bureaus identified with an asterisk the items with one or more census blocks that were the subject of a winning bid in Auction 901 for which the relevant long-form application remained pending.<sup>5</sup> In that Public Notice, the Bureaus explained that if we determined prior to Auction 902 that any winning bids from Auction 901 covering blocks that would otherwise be eligible for Auction 902 could not be authorized, then such eligible blocks would be made available in the auction.<sup>6</sup> Similarly, we explained that we would exclude from Auction 902 any of the identified blocks for which we authorized Auction 901 support prior to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public notices announcing support authorizations and default determinations for Auction 901 are available at <a href="http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/901/">http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/901/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I Auction Rescheduled for February 25, 2014; Notice of Changes to Auction 902 Schedule Following Resumption of Normal Commission Operations, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 13-53, DA 13-2057, 28 FCC Red 14656 (2013); Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I Auction; Status of Short-Form Applications to Participate in Auction 902, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 13-53, DA 14-7 (rel. Jan. 6, 2014).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I Auction Rescheduled for December 19, 2013; Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 902, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 13-53, DA 13-1672, 28 FCC Rcd 11628 (*Auction 902 Procedures Public Notice*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 11696-714 (Attachment A-2); *see also* "Attachment A File – Eligible Census Blocks," available at http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/902/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Auction 902 Procedures Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd at 11640, para. 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id*.

auction. The Bureaus released an updated list of eligible areas for Auction 902 reflecting Auction 901 authorizations of support and default determinations as of September 27, 2013. 8

- 3. By this Public Notice, we announce the removal of certain census blocks for which support has been authorized for Auction 901 winning bids, as these blocks will not be available for support in Auction 902. Also, for those blocks on which Auction 901 winning bidders have defaulted, we remove the asterisks in the list that previously identified the relevant census blocks as having received winning bids in Auction 901, and these areas will be eligible for bidding in Auction 902. There are no longer any asterisks in the list of eligible areas for Auction 902 because after these updates, the list is no longer subject to any pending Auction 901 long-form applications.
- 4. The updated list of bidding areas is released as Attachment A to this Public Notice. An updated version of the file containing detailed information about the census blocks of all of the bidding areas will soon be available on the Auction 902 website at <a href="http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/902/">http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/902/</a>. The interactive map of eligible areas will soon be updated to reflect these changes to the eligible areas for Auction 902. Geographic information system (GIS) data for the eligible areas will soon be available as a downloadable shapefile on the Auction 902 website at <a href="http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/902/">http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/902/</a>. Once updated, the links for the census blocks file, the interactive map, and the GIS data will be displayed with a notation of when they were updated.
- 5. Attachment B lists the bidding areas that have been removed or modified since the prior list was released on September 27, 2013. These changes have been incorporated into each of the Auction 902 short-form applications (FCC Form 180), where applicable.
- 6. For further information, contact Patricia Robbins of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division at (202) 418-0660. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, send an e-mail to <a href="fcc504@fcc.gov">fcc504@fcc.gov</a> or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 or (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I Auction; Updated List of Eligible Areas; Petition for Reconsideration of Auction 902 Procedures Public Notice Granted in Part, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 13-53, DA 13-1986, 28 FCC Rcd 13881 (2013). This Public Notice also updated the list of eligible areas to incorporate 40 additional census blocks in northwestern New Mexico based on a partial grant of a petition for reconsideration. *See id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> We note that in some cases, all of the census blocks for a particular bidding area have been removed, and thus that bidding area is no longer available in Auction 902. In other cases, only some of the census blocks for a particular bidding area have been removed, and thus that bidding area is still available in Auction 902 but includes fewer eligible populated census blocks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The link to the interactive map is available on the Auction 902 website at <a href="http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/902/">http://www.fcc.gov/auctions/902/</a>, and the map itself is at <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/maps/tribal-mobility-fund-phase-1-eligible-areas">http://www.fcc.gov/maps/tribal-mobility-fund-phase-1-eligible-areas</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The shapefile is a compressed file (.zip) of four individual files (.dbf, .shp, .shx, and .prj) all with the same prefix. The shapefile format is generally recognized as a standard transfer file for GIS data and is accepted in GIS software packages. For more information, see "Esri Shapefile Technical Description," <a href="http://www.esri.com/library/whitepapers/pdfs/shapefile.pdf">http://www.esri.com/library/whitepapers/pdfs/shapefile.pdf</a> (last visited Feb. 3, 2014).

# ATTACHMENT A Bidding Areas

This page was intentionally inserted as a placeholder for Attachment A, which is available as a separate file.

### ATTACHMENT B

# **Bidding Areas Removed**

The following bidding areas are no longer eligible for Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I support and have been removed from Auction 902.

Bidding Area	<b>Item Description</b>	State	County / Census Area	ANRC	Tribal Name
AK-6025	Akiak-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Akiak
AK-6835	Kwethluk-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Kwethluk
ND-3970-2	Standing Rock-ND-2	ND	Sioux County		Standing Rock

# **Bidding Areas Modified**

The following bidding areas have been modified to remove census blocks no longer eligible for Tribal Mobility Fund Phase I support.

Bidding Area	Item Description	State	County / Census Area	ANRC	Tribal Name
AK-6020	Akiachak-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Akiachak
AK-6160	Atmautluak-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Atmautluak
AK-6205	Bethel-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Bethel
AK-6710	Kasigluk-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Kasigluk
AK-7010	Napakiak-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Napakiak
AK-7020	Napaskiak-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Napaskiak
AK-7135	Nunapitchuk-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Nunapitchuk
AK-7630	Tuluksak-AK	AK	Bethel Census Area	Calista	Tuluksak
ND-3970-1	Standing Rock-ND-1	ND	Sioux County		Standing Rock
SD-3970-3	Standing Rock-SD-3	SD	Corson County		Standing Rock
SD-3970-4	Standing Rock-SD-4	SD	Corson County		Standing Rock