**DA 14-1839**

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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR BIDDERS INTERESTED IN REMAINING UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR RURAL BROADBAND EXPERIMENTS SUPPORT TO FILE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

**WC Docket No. 14-259**

 In an Order released today, the Federal Communications Commission established a process to enable the provisional selection of additional bidders for rural broadband experiments support in the event any of the current provisionally selected bidders defaults before the time the Wireline Competition Bureau finalizes the list of census blocks that will be offered to the price cap carriers for Phase II of the Connect America Fund.[[1]](#footnote-1) Specifically, all bidders in the rural broadband experiments that wish to remain in consideration for rural broadband experiments support must file their most recent three consecutive years of audited financial statements, including balance sheets, net income, and cash flow, as well as a description of the technology and system design that would be used to deliver voice and broadband service meeting the requisite speeds to all locations in the funded census blocks, including a network diagram, which must be certified by a professional engineer.[[2]](#footnote-2) **This information must be filed with the Commission in WC Docket No. 14-259 by 7p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.** Attachment A provides a list of entities that successfully submitted bids, but whose bids were not provisionally selected for rural broadband experiments funding.[[3]](#footnote-3)

***Procedural Matters****.* Due to the nature of these filings, entities must request confidential treatment of their filing in order to protect the integrity of the competitive bidding process.[[4]](#footnote-4) Confidential filings must be in paper format and sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. The filings must reference WC Docket No. 14-259 in the cover letter. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Filings must be received by the deadline specified above in order to be considered.

* All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
* Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
* U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

**Entities also must provide notification that they have filed their materials and submit an electronic version of their filing by e-mailing** **RuralBroadbandExperiments@fcc.gov**. In the event that an entity is unable to attach its materials to an email due to the size of the submission, the materials should be sent on machine readable media using the mailing methods discussed above to the attention of Ian Forbes, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B438, Washington D.C. 20554.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

For additional information on this proceeding, contact Ian Forbes (Ian.Forbes@fcc.gov) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**Rural Broadband Experiments Bidders Not Provisionally Selected for Funding**

| **FRN** | **Entity Name** |
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| 0016085920 | @Link Services, LLC |
| 0020449831 | Agile Network Builders, LLC |
| 0002598779 | Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, Inc. |
| 0015034358 | Allband Communications Cooperative |
| 0003746898 | Allen's TV Cable Service, Inc. |
| 0024056673 | Aristotle Telecom, LLC |
| 0018714071 | Axiom Technologies |
| 0002073427 | BARC Electric Cooperative |
| 0002506384 | Barry Electric Cooperative, Inc |
| 0002477636 | BEK Communications Cooperative |
| 0015024946 | Big Bend Telecom, LTD |
| 0024049926 | Brainstorm Internet Inc |
| 0016419392 | Broadband Corp |
| 0006823991 | BVU Authority |
| 0018928994 | Callabyte Technology LLC |
| 0024063604 | CD Networks, LLC |
| 0023049356 | Central Ozarks Telecom |
| 0002295400 | City of Chanute, Kansas |
| 0015950934 | City of Wilson |
| 0003772787 | Clarence Telephone Company, Inc. |
| 0004329264 | Clearcom, Inc. |
| 0014242846 | Coeur d'Alene Tribe |
| 0021854278 | Co-Mo Comm, Inc. |
| 0004371472 | Computer 5, Inc. / DBA LocalTel Communications |
| 0003740396 | Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc |
| 0003742467 | Consolidated Telephone Company |
| 0004321733 | Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. |
| 0007266703 | Daktel Communications, LLC |
| 0023369135 | De Novo Group |
| 0023973480 | Declaration Networks Group, Inc. |
| 0007690258 | Delta Communications LLC |
| 0024049629 | Donnell, Michael D |
| 0001566306 | Douglas Services, Inc. |
| 0001629781 | Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc. |
| 0023399207 | ECF Holding, LLC |
| 0018021923 | eCom Direct, Inc. |
| 0005420278 | EPB |
| 0001665835 | ETEX Communications, LP |
| 0023948458 | Extra Mile Fiber LLC |
| 0001624030 | Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. |
| 0003747722 | Farmers Mutual Telephone Company |
| 0003741576 | Federated Telephone Cooperative |
| 0004351722 | Fidelity Communication Services I, Inc |
| 0023480866 | Finger Lakes Region Rural Broadband Company, Inc. |
| 0023978471 | French Broad Electric Membership Corporation |
| 0018367177 | Geneseo Communications Services, Inc. |
| 0024059966 | Georgia Business Net Telecommunications LLC |
| 0022311088 | Georgia Communications Cooperative, Inc. |
| 0005782289 | Gonthier Inc. |
| 0003744224 | Halstad Telephone Company |
| 0005039854 | Hargray of Georgia, Inc. |
| 0018729186 | Harrison REMC |
| 0024068207 | Henry County REMC |
| 0004973202 | Home Telephone Company, Inc. |
| 0004324661 | Hot Springs Telephone Company (HSTC) |
| 0004821989 | Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative |
| 0023962624 | Inetvisions LLC |
| 0001770783 | InfoStructure, Inc. |
| 0024005332 | Intercounty Electric Cooperative Association |
| 0019556604 | Inyo Networks Inc. |
| 0002904282 | Johnson County REMC |
| 0004530812 | Kit Carson Electric Cooperative |
| 0004322053 | LaHarpe Telephone Company. Inc. |
| 0023985237 | Lake Region Technology & Communications, LLC |
| 0024021529 | Last Mile Broadband LLC |
| 0003708104 | Lennon Telephone Company |
| 0021887468 | Liberty Cablevision of Puerto Rico, LLC |
| 0024039877 | LibreNexus Association |
| 0023276629 | LREMC Technologies, L.L.C. |
| 0001775568 | Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative |
| 0023970288 | Mid-Hudson Region Rural Broadband Company, Inc. |
| 0023076508 | Midwest Energy Cooperative dba Midwest Connections |
| 0018562611 | New Lisbon Telephone Company |
| 0001732742 | North Arkansas Electric Cooperative Incorporative |
| 0021320155 | Northeast Rural Services, Inc. |
| 0004364022 | Northern Valley Communications, LLC |
| 0007956725 | Orcas Power and Light Cooperative |
| 0003738986 | Oregon Telephone Corporation |
| 0001732718 | Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corporation |
| 0023836125 | Ozarks Wireless |
| 0002644953 | Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative |
| 0024066110 | PEAR Networks LLC |
| 0024068744 | Peoples Telecom, LLC |
| 0004315461 | Pine Telephone System, Inc. |
| 0003800570 | Plateau Telecommunications Incorporated |
| 0007117237 | PocketiNet Communications, Inc. |
| 0021344072 | PREPA Networks, LLC |
| 0023871403 | Princeton Broadband |
| 0010347631 | RACC Enterprises, LLC |
| 0024031932 | Red River Cellular Telephone Corporation |
| 0024048613 | Rock County Broadband Alliance, LLC |
| 0001643006 | Ronan Telephone Company A Mont Corp |
| 0023562580 | Rural Broadband Services Corporation, Inc. |
| 0014860530 | Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. |
| 0014489124 | Sawtooth Technologies, LLC. |
| 0002069862 | Scott County Telephone Co-operative |
| 0024062309 | Skybeam, LLC |
| 0011412129 | Slic Network Solutions Inc. |
| 0023970536 | Southern Tier Region Rural Broadband Company, Inc. |
| 0001731785 | Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc |
| 0010678001 | Sunset Digital Communications, Inc. |
| 0023888332 | Tejas Wireless LLC |
| 0022932255 | Texhoma Fiber, LLC |
| 0024062325 | The Sea Ranch Association |
| 0024055154 | Tipmont REMC |
| 0021261193 | Totelcom Networks, LLC |
| 0005017298 | Troy Cablevision, Inc. |
| 0016087876 | United Electric Cooperative, Inc |
| 0024051898 | Valley Electric Association, Inc. |
| 0023997562 | Volunteer Energy Cooperative |
| 0004327219 | Wabash Independent Networks Inc. |
| 0024070252 | Wahatchee Technologies LLC |
| 0023992019 | Walker River Paiute Tribe |
| 0002645612 | West Central Telephone Association |
| 0024022113 | Western Gateway Region Rural Broadband Company, Inc. |
| 0004319372 | Wikstrom Telephone Company, Inc. |
| 0011915014 | Wilkes Communications, Inc |
| 0011653508 | Workable Programs & Systems, Inc. |
| 0017249558 | Worldcall Interconnect Inc. |
| 0012579652 | Zirkel Wireless |

1. *See Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Obsolete ILEC Regulatory Obligations that Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 14-192, Report and Order, FCC 14-190, para. 83 (rel. Dec. 18, 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *See id.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This list includes provisionally selected bidders that submitted additional bids that were not selected for funding. Though these bidders already are required to file certain technical and financial information regarding their selected bids, to the extent they wish to be considered for additional support for their unselected bids, we require them to follow the steps outlined in this Public Notice. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 0.459. For more guidance on confidential filings, *see* Federal Communications Commission, Guidelines for Filing Paper Documents, <http://transition.fcc.gov/osec/guidelines.html> (last visited Dec. 18, 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)