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**THE INCENTIVE AUCTION TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES DATE**

**FOR WORKSHOP ON**

**REVERSE AUCTION APPLICATION PROCESS**

On October 15, 2015, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released the *Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice*[[1]](#footnote-1) for the Broadcast Incentive Auction scheduled to begin on March 29, 2016.[[2]](#footnote-2) The *Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice* provides detailed information, instructions, and deadlines for filing applications for the reverse and forward auctions (Auctions 1001 and 1002, respectively). Additional instructions related to the electronic filing procedures for the reverse auction will be provided in a separate public notice to be released prior to November 17, 2015.

On **Tuesday, November 17, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, the Commission’s Incentive Auction Task Force, in conjunction with the Media and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus, will host a public workshop on the reverse auction application process. Specific topics to be covered include a review of the pre-auction process and guidance on how to complete and submit the Form 177, including an overview of ownership requirements, channel sharing agreements, and the red light rule.

We remind potential auction participants that **the period for filing an application to participate in the reverse portion of the Broadcast Incentive Auction will begin at noon on December 1, 2015, and close on December 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. ET.**  Applications must be submitted **prior to** the close of the filing period.

The workshop will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC, and is open to the public. All attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow time to go through the security process for admission to FCC Headquarters. Attendees are encouraged to pre-register by submitting their names and company affiliations via email to auction1001@fcc.gov in order to expedite the check-in process the day of the event. Please use “Reverse Auction Workshop” as the subject line in your email.

The workshop will also be streamed live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC’s web page at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live). During the event, those watching the live video stream of the event may email event-related questions to auction1001@fcc.gov. After the event, a recording of the workshop will be available for streaming. The email address auction1001@fcc.gov will remain available for questions. Attendance at the workshop is not a pre-requisite for applying, but we strongly encourage potential applicants to attend or view the recorded version of the event.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For general auction questions contact Linda Sanderson, Linda.Sanderson@fcc.gov, (717) 338-2868. For reverse auction legal questions contact Erin Griffith, Erin.Griffith@fcc.gov, (202) 418-0660, or Kathryn Hinton, Kathryn.Hinton@fcc.gov, (202) 418‑0660. Press contact: Charles Meisch, Charles.Meisch@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2943. Additional information for potential Broadcast Incentive Auction participants is available at the Auction 1000 webpage (<http://www.fcc.gov/auctions/1000>).

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1. *Application Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction Scheduled to Begin on March 29, 2016*, AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, DA 15-1183 (WTB rel. Oct. 15, 2015) (*Auction 1000 Application Procedures PN*). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *See Broadcast Auction Scheduled to Begin March 29, 2016; Procedures for Competitive Bidding in Auction 1000, Including Initial Clearing Target Determination, Qualifying to Bid, and Bidding in Auctions 1001 (Reverse) and 1002 (Forward)*, AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 8975 (2015) (*Auction 1000 Bidding Procedures PN*). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)