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THE INCENTIVE AUCTION TASK FORCE PROVIDES DETAILS AND UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR WEBINAR ON POST-INCENTIVE AUCTION TRANSITION SCHEDULING PLAN

MB Docket No. 16-306 GN Docket No. 12-268

On **Monday, October 17, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**, the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Incentive Auction Task Force (IATF), in conjunction with the Media Bureau, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Office of Engineering and Technology, will host a webinar on the proposed post-incentive auction transition scheduling plan.¹ At the webinar Commission staff will provide an overview of the proposed plan and discuss related matters raised in the *Transition Scheduling PN*. The purposes of this webinar is to discuss the phased transition scheduling plan proposed by staff in the *Transition Scheduling PN* in order to foster informed feedback in the proceeding by interested parties.

In the *Transition Scheduling PN*, the Media Bureau announced that the webinar would be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016.² The Institute of Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) notified Commission staff that the IEEE Broadcast Technology Society's Annual Broadcast Symposium is being held from October 12 through October 14. As a result, many likely participants may be unable to attend the webinar. In order to encourage maximum participation, the Bureau has decided to change the webinar date to Monday, October 17, 2016.

Pre-registration for the webinar is not required. The webinar will be streamed live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at <u>www.fcc.gov/live</u>. The webinar slides will be posted on the broadcast incentive auction website's Resources page

(<u>www.fcc.gov/incentiveauctions/resources</u>) prior to the start of the webinar. Individuals will be able to access the slides under the Notices/Guidance tab. If possible, parties are encouraged to download and/or print out a copy in advance for the participant's reference during the webinar. A recording of the webinar will also be made available after the event and accessible at the same location as the webinar slides.

During the webinar, viewers may email event-related questions to <u>IAtransition@fcc.gov</u>. When submitting questions participants should be mindful of the Commission's prohibited communications rule, which prohibits broadcasters and forward auction applicants from communicating any incentive auction applicant's bids or bidding strategies to other parties covered by the relevant rules.³

¹ Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Seek Comment on Post-Incentive Auction Transition Scheduling Plan, MB Docket No. 16-306 and GN Docket No. 12-268, Public Notice, DA 16-1095 (rel. Sept. 30, 2016) (*Transition Scheduling PN*).

 $^{^{2}}$ *Id.* at n.3.

³ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2105(c), 1.2205; see also Transition Scheduling PN, paras. 28-31 (discussing issues related to prohibited communications).

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