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## **WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU UPDATES BROADCAST INCENTIVE AUCTION FILE FORMATS FOR FORWARD AUCTION CLOCK PHASE, ANNOUNCES A BID UPLOAD FEATURE FOR ALL ROUNDS, AND PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DATA ON IMPAIRMENT DATA DOWNLOADS**

**AU Docket No. 14-252**  
**GN Docket No. 12-268**  
**WT Docket No. 12-269**

1. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau today updates specifications for Auction System data file formats and provides updated sample data files for the clock phase of the broadcast incentive auction's forward auction (Auction 1002).<sup>1</sup> Specifically, for those data files that are populated on a round-to-round basis, there will be a separate download file for each round of the auction rather than a file containing cumulative data for all rounds. Other minor modifications have been made to the supporting text and file specifications. A complete description of all modifications is included in the updated specifications.

2. The updated specifications and sample data files are available on the Auction 1002 website ([www.fcc.gov/auctions/1002](http://www.fcc.gov/auctions/1002)) under the Data tab. The specifications provide for each data file an overall description of the file, the data fields that are included (with definitions of the data elements in each field), the data type, examples, and notes.<sup>2</sup> Please note that for the sample data files the website provides a single ZIP file containing the individual CSV files, but the Auction System will provide each of the CSV files separately. We emphasize that the updated sample data files we release today are for illustrative purposes only; they do not reflect any predictions or assumptions about the actual bidding in the auction, the number of rounds, or the outcome of the auction.

3. We also announce today that a bid upload feature will be available to forward auction bidders in all rounds of the auction rather than just the initial round of the auction. We will provide a description of how this bid upload feature will work, as well as specifications of the required file format, at a later date.

4. Finally, we make available today additional information related to the impairment data downloads for the forward auction.<sup>3</sup> Because data included in the reference files will not change regardless of the clearing target chosen, we have decided to make these reference files publicly available

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission released specifications for Auction System data file formats for the clock phase of the broadcast incentive auction's forward auction on December 23, 2015, noting that bidding file formats may be subject to minor modifications. See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Releases Broadcast Incentive Auction File Formats for Forward Auction Clock Phase*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 14655, 14655 n.1 (WTB 2015).

<sup>2</sup> We note that the terminology used in this Public Notice is defined in the technical appendices to the *Auction 1000 Application Procedures Public Notice*. See *Application Procedures for Broadcast Incentive Auction Scheduled to Begin on March 29, 2016; Technical Formulas for Competitive Bidding*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 11034 (WTB 2015).

<sup>3</sup> See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Releases Impairment File Formats for Forward Auction*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 13478 (WTB 2015).

prior to the auction. Accordingly, the updated specification and reference files are now available in the Data section of the Auction 1002 website ([www.fcc.gov/auctions/1002](http://www.fcc.gov/auctions/1002)). The impairment data downloads specification released today also includes a minor correction to the text in description field of the FacilityID column in the Case 3 and Case 4 Impaired Points files.

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<sup>4</sup> This Public Notice is being issued pursuant to section 0.131 by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, which is a member of the Incentive Auction Task Force. 47 CFR § 0.131.