



PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

News Media Information: 202-418-0500
Internet: www.fcc.gov
TTY: 888-835-5322

DA 17-353

Released: April 13, 2017

THE INCENTIVE AUCTION TASK FORCE AND MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE POST-INCENTIVE AUCTION REIMBURSEMENT AND BANKING INFORMATION FORMS FOR REPACKED STATIONS AND MVPDS

MB Docket No. 16-306

GN Docket No. 12-268

The Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau announce that FCC Form 2100, Schedule 399 (Reimbursement Form), is now accessible via the Media Bureau's Licensing and Management System (LMS). Reimbursement-eligible broadcast television stations (i.e., those stations that are not winning bidders and are assigned a new channel) in the post-incentive auction channel repacking, and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) continuing to carry the signals of relocated broadcast television stations, may now begin using the Reimbursement Form to submit estimates and file claims for their reasonably incurred, eligible expenses.¹ Eligible entities will use the Reimbursement Form to claim reimbursement from the TV Broadcaster Relocation Fund during the three-year reimbursement period that commences upon release of the *Closing and Channel Reassignment PN*.²

The first deadline for submitting reimbursement estimates is July 12, 2017 (90 days after release of the *Closing and Channel Reassignment PN*).³ By that date, eligible entities must file estimates on the Reimbursement Form for all of the equipment and services expenses that they expect to incur in order to complete their post-incentive auction transition.⁴ The Reimbursement Form accessed by each eligible entity will include that station's new channel assignment.⁵

We also announce that FCC Form 1876, the form that eligible entities will use to submit banking information to the Commission, is now available for download by accessing the Reimbursement Form

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 1452(b)(4)(A)(i)-(ii) (Spectrum Act); *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6567, 6812, para. 598 (2014), *aff'd*, *Nat'l Assoc. of Broadcasters, et al v. FCC*, 789 F.3d 165 (D.C. Cir. 2015) (*Incentive Auction R&O*).

² *Id.* The "reimbursement period" is the three year period beginning upon the Commission's release of the *Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice* announcing that the forward auction has concluded. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 1452(b)(4)(D); 47 CFR § 73.3700(a)(13). *See also Incentive Auction R&O*, 29 FCC Rcd at 6816, para. 608.

³ *Incentive Auction R&O*, 29 FCC Rcd at 6817, para. 610.

⁴ Using these estimates the Media Bureau will calculate an allocation for each station and MVPD, against which the entity can "draw down" following submission, review and approval of its actual expenses. *See Media Bureau Finalizes Reimbursement Form for Submission to OMB and Adopts Catalog of Expenses*, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 11701, 11704 (MB 2015).

⁵ Information submitted on Reimbursement Forms will be publicly available with the exception of cost documentation and name, address or identifying information pertaining to the vendor or station contact. *Id.* at 11704-05.

on LMS. A paper copy Form 1876 must be submitted to the Commission consistent with the directions set out in the *Financial Procedures Public Notice*.⁶

Educational resources and reference materials for navigating and filing the Reimbursement Form, will be accessible via the Commission's website at <https://www.fcc.gov/incentiveauctions/reimbursement>. These materials will be updated periodically throughout the reimbursement period.

For questions about the Reimbursement Form, please call (202-418-2009), or e-mail Reimburse@fcc.gov. For additional information on this proceeding, please contact Jeffrey Neumann, Jeffrey.Neumann@fcc.gov (202- 418-2046), or Raphael Sznajder, Raphael.Sznajder@fcc.gov (202-418-1648) of the Media Bureau. Press contact: Charlie Meisch, Charles.Meisch@fcc.gov (202-418-2943).

- FCC -

⁶ See also *Procedures for Submitting Financial Information Required for the Disbursement of Incentive Payments and Reimbursement Payments After the Incentive Auction Closes*, Public Notice, GN Docket No. 12-268; AU Docket No. MB Docket No. 16-306, DA No. 17-282, para. 71 (rel. Mar. 29, 2017).