**DA 18-190**

**February 27, 2018**

**AGENDA FOR WORKSHOP ON APPLICATION**

**PROCESS FOR CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II AUCTION**

The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, in conjunction with the Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus, announces the agenda for the upcoming public workshop on the application process for the Connect America Fund Phase II auction (Auction 903). The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).**

Agenda:

* Welcome Remarks by Chairman Ajit Pai
* Overview – Path to Auction 903
* Review of the Application to Participate in Auction 903 (FCC Form 183):
	+ Applicant Information and Financial and Operational Qualification
	+ Performance Tier and Latency Selection and Qualification
	+ Disclosable Agreements, Ownership Information, and Impermissible State Overlaps
* Overview of Prohibited Communications Rule
* Break
* Bidding System Sneak Peek
* Question & Answer Session

We remind potential auction participants that **the period for filing an application to participate in Auction 903 will open at noon ET on March 19, 2018, and close at 6:00 p.m. ET on March 30, 2018.**  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 at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, and is open to the public. All attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow sufficient 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 auction903@fcc.gov to expedite the check-in process on the day of the event. Please use “Auction 903 Workshop” as the subject line in your email. Pre-registering does not guarantee seating. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability.

Audio and/or video coverage of the meeting will be provided over the internet from the FCC’s web page at [www.fcc.gov/live](https://www.fcc.gov/live). Pre-registration is not required for internet viewing of the event. During the event, those watching the live coverage may email questions arising from the presentations to auction903@fcc.gov. After the event, a recording of the workshop will be available for streaming. The email address auction903@fcc.gov will remain available for questions. Attendance at the workshop is not a pre-requisite for applying, but potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend or view the event online.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via email to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the FCC’s Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way that the requesting party can be contacted if additional information is needed. Please allow at least five days’ advance notice; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

For more information, contact Cecilia Sulhoff at Cecilia.Sulhoff@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0587. Press contact: Charles Meisch, Charles.Meisch@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2943. Additional information for potential Auction 903 participants is available at the Connect America Fund Phase II Auction webpage ([www.fcc.gov/auction/903](https://www.fcc.gov/auction/903)).

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