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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU RELEASES UPDATED LIST OF LICENSES TO BE OFFERED IN AUCTION 102 (24 GHz); ANNOUNCES ADJUSTMENT TO THE CATEGORIES AND NUMBER OF GENERIC LICENSE BLOCKS

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1. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) today releases an updated list of licenses to be offered in Auction 102 (24 GHz) and announces an adjustment to the categories and number of generic license blocks available for bidding in Auction 102, as a result of our grant of license modifications requested by an incumbent licensee.<sup>1</sup> The updated list of licenses in Auction 102 is available as an "Attachment A" file at <u>www.fcc.gov/auction/102/</u>.

2. In the *Auctions 101 and 102 Procedures Public Notice*, the Commission noted that M&M Brothers, LLC (M&M) had filed applications to modify its 24 GHz licenses in nine Partial Economic Areas (PEAs) that, if granted, would change the number of bidding categories and blocks available in Auction 102.<sup>2</sup> The Commission directed the Bureau, once it acted on these applications, to update the list of licenses to be offered in Auction 102 and to adjust the categories and number of generic blocks that will be available in Auction 102, to the extent necessary.<sup>3</sup>

3. On August 9, 2018, the Commission granted M&M's applications.<sup>4</sup> Consistent with the Commission's adopted procedures for Auction 102, in one PEA, one of the blocks in the upper 24 GHz band will have reduced bandwidth (75 megahertz). That block will be offered in an additional category, for a total of three categories of blocks in that PEA.<sup>5</sup> In three other PEAs, one fewer block will be available in the upper 24 GHz band. Accordingly, the clock phase of Auction 102 will allow bidding for two generic 100-megahertz blocks in the lower 24 GHz segment (Category L) in every PEA and five generic 100-megahertz blocks in the upper 24 GHz segment (Category U) in most PEAs (i.e., those without an incumbent licensee). In three PEAs, four 100-megahertz Category U blocks will be available

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 6, 72, paras. 11, 220.

<sup>4</sup> See Commission's Universal Licensing System File Nos. 0008271002, 0008271003, 0008271006, 0008271022 (granted Aug. 9, 2018).

<sup>5</sup> See Auctions 101 and 102 Procedures Public Notice at 71-72, para. 220 (adopting proposal to offer reducedbandwidth block or blocks in Auction 102).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Auctions of Upper Microwave Flexible Use Licenses for Next-Generation Wireless Services; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments and Other Procedures for Auctions 101 (28 GHz) and 102 (24 GHz); Bidding in Auction 101 Scheduled to Begin November 14, 2018, Public Notice, FCC 18-109 at 6, 72, paras. 11, 220 (Aug. 3, 2018) (Auctions 101 and 102 Procedures Public Notice).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 6, 72, paras. 11, 220. In these applications and subsequent amendments, M&M requested the following modifications: (1) increase holdings to 100 megahertz (all in Block G) in PEA 15 - Phoenix, AZ, PEA 26 - Las Vegas, NV, and PEA 76 - Reno, NV; (2) reduce holdings to 25 megahertz in PEA 75 - Albuquerque, NM; and (3) relinquish all spectrum holdings in PEA 126 - Casa Grande, AZ, PEA 229 - Saint George, UT, PEA 285 - Gallup, NM, PEA 323 - Socorro, NM, and PEA 375 - Deming, NM. *See id.* at 6, 72, paras. 11 n.24, 220 n.416.

instead of five.<sup>6</sup> In one other PEA, four 100-megahertz Category U blocks will be available plus one 75-megahertz block in the upper 24 GHz segment (Category UI).<sup>7</sup>

4. For further information concerning the licenses available in Auction 102, please email <u>auction102@fcc.gov</u> or contact Erik Beith or Kathryn Hinton, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 71, para. 217; *see also id.* at 71-72, para. 220 & n.416. Additional information is available in the "Attachment A" files on the Auction 102 website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The 75-megahertz block (25.150–25.225 GHz) lies within Block G in PEA 75 – Albuquerque, NM. This PEA is noted with an asterisk in the Attachment A file. *See id.* at 72, para. 220 ("[I]f M&M's proposed license modification is granted, we would auction the remaining 75 megahertz in PEA 75 - Albuquerque, NM, resulting in one additional category in the upper band, for a total of three categories.").