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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES RELOCATION PAYMENT CLEARINGHOUSE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, SELECTION CRITERIA, AND APPLICATION DEADLINES IN 3.7-4.2 GHZ BAND TRANSITION

GN Docket No. 18-122

With this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (the Bureau) announces that it has received the attached Request for Proposal, which contains the selection criteria and filing instructions for proposals for the position of Relocation Payment Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band (C-band) transition.

In the *3.7 GHz Band Report and Order*, the Commission adopted rules to make 280 megahertz of mid-band spectrum available for flexible use, plus a 20 megahertz guard band, throughout the contiguous United States by transitioning existing services out of the lower portion of the band and into the upper 200 megahertz of the C-band.¹ The *3.7 GHz Band Report and Order* provided for the creation of a neutral, independent Relocation Payment Clearinghouse to oversee the cost-related aspects of the transition, including collecting relocation payments from new 3.7 GHz Service licensees and disbursing those payments to incumbents.² In the *3.7 GHz Band Report and Order*, the Commission invited a committee of stakeholders in the C-band to establish detailed selection criteria and to select the Clearinghouse.³ The *3.7 GHz Band Report and Order* directed the Bureau to issue a Public Notice that: (1) notified the public that the search committee had published criteria for the selection of the Clearinghouse; (2) outlined the submission requirements; and (3) provided the closing dates for the selection of the Clearinghouse.⁴ The search committee submitted the Request for Proposal to the Commission on June 1, 2020.⁵

The search committee's Request for Proposal, attached to this Public Notice, details the

¹ *Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band*, Report and Order and Order of Proposed Modification, 35 FCC Rcd 2343, 2345, para. 4 (2020) (*3.7 GHz Report and Order*).

² *Id.* at 2446, para. 255.

³ *Id.* at 2450-51, paras. 273-75.

⁴ *Id.* at 2451, paras. 275, 278.

⁵ See Letter from Ross J. Lieberman, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, ACA Connects – America's Communications Association et al., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No 18-122, Attach., Request for Proposal: Relocation Payment Clearinghouse (filed June 1, 2020).

selection criteria and instructions for filing proposals for the Clearinghouse position. Entities must file proposals electronically with the search committee, according to the filing instructions contained in the Request for Proposal, by June 29, 2020.⁶

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⁶ *Id.*, Attach. at 8-9.