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AUCTION 904 SHORT-FORM APPLICATION FILING WINDOW OPEN; CLOSES 6:00 P.M. EDT JULY 15, 2020

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The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, the Office of Economics and Analytics, and the Wireline Competition Bureau announce the opening of the window for entities to file the short-form application (FCC Form 183) to participate in Auction 904 (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I).¹

The Auction 904 application window opened at 12:00 noon EDT on July 1, 2020. **The Auction 904 application window will close at 6:00 pm EDT on July 15, 2020.** All entities seeking to participate in Auction 904 must complete a short-form application by the close of the application window. Interested entities are encouraged to certify and submit their application well in advance of the deadline. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

The short form application and instructions are available on the Auction 904 website (www.fcc.gov/auction/904). When filling out FCC Form 183, it is essential that an applicant closely follows these instructions as well as the short-form application procedures set forth in the *Auction 904 Procedures Public Notice*. In addition, an online tutorial is available to assist applicants in completing their short-form applications. This tutorial is accessible on the Auction 904 website through a link under the Education tab.

Finally, we remind potential applicants that additional guidance, data, and information related to Auction 904 is also available on the Auction 904 website: www.fcc.gov/auction/904.³

For further information email <u>auction904@fcc.gov</u> or contact the FCC Auctions Hotline at (717) 338-2868.

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¹ See Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I Auction Scheduled for October 29, 2020; Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 904, Public Notice, FCC 20-77 (June 11, 2020) (Auction 904 Procedures Public Notice).

² See id. at 66-67, paras. 191-93.

³ Typically, the Commission makes paper copies of documents available at its headquarters. However, the Commission's headquarters is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.