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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON WHETHER PROPOSED 3.7-4.2 GHZ RELOCATION COORDINATION SATISFIES SELECTION CRITERIA

GN Docket No. 18-122

Comments Due: August 18, 2020
Reply Comments Due: August 28, 2020

With this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (the Bureau) seeks comment on whether the Relocation Coordinator selected by eligible space station operators in the 3.7-4.2 GHz band (C-band) satisfies the criteria established by the Commission in the *Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band Report and Order*.¹

On March 3, 2020, the Commission released the *3.7 GHz Band Report and Order*, which adopted new rules to make available 280 megahertz of mid-band spectrum for flexible use through a Commission-administered public auction of overlay licenses, plus a 20 megahertz guard band, throughout the contiguous United States by transitioning existing services out of the lower portion and in to the upper 200 megahertz of the C-band.²

The *3.7 GHz Report and Order* required eligible Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) space station operators to select, no later than July 31, 2020, a Relocation Coordinator that will be responsible for managing the overall transition and coordinating relocation actions among eligible FSS space station operators, incumbent FSS earth station operators, and new 3.7 GHz Service overlay licensees.³ The *3.7 GHz Report and Order* required that the Relocation Coordinator “must be able to demonstrate that it has the requisite expertise to perform the duties required, which will include: (1) coordinating the schedule for clearing the band; (2) performing engineering analysis, as necessary, to determine necessary earth station migration actions; (3) assigning obligations, as necessary, for earth station migrations and filtering; (4) coordinating with overlay licensees throughout the transition process; (5) assessing the completion of the transition in each PEA and determining overlay licensees’ ability to commence operations; and (6) mediating scheduling disputes.”⁴

¹ *Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band, Report and Order and Proposed Modification*, 35 FCC Rcd 2343, 2459, paras. 307-09 (2020) (*3.7 GHz Report and Order*).

² *Id.* at 2345, para. 4.

³ *Id.* at 2459-61, paras. 309, 313-14. An eligible space station operator is defined as an incumbent FSS space station operator that has demonstrated as of February 1, 2020, that it has an existing relationship to provide service via C-band satellite transmission to one or more incumbent earth stations in the contiguous United States. 47 CFR § 27.1411(b)(2).

⁴ *3.7 GHz Report and Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 2459, para. 309.

On July 31, 2020, eligible space station operators announced that they had selected RSM US LLP (RSM) to serve as the Relocation Coordinator.⁵ We seek comment on whether RSM satisfies the criteria established by the Commission in the *3.7 GHz Report and Order*.⁶

As directed by the Commission in the *3.7 GHz Report and Order*, following the comment period, the Bureau will issue an order announcing whether the selection criteria have been satisfied.⁷ Should the Bureau be unable to find that the criteria have been satisfied, the *3.7 GHz Report and Order* required that the selection process will start over and the search committee of eligible space station operators will submit a new proposed entity.⁸

Filing Requirements. Parties may file comments, identified by GN Docket No. 18-122, by any of the following methods:

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
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⁵ Letter from Michael DeMarco, et al., Members of Relocation Coordinator Search Committee, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 18-122 (filed July 31, 2020).

⁶ *3.7 GHz Report and Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 2459-60, paras. 309-10 (establishing selection criteria and directing the Bureau to seek comment on whether the selected entity satisfies such criteria).

⁷ *Id.* at 2459-60, para. 310.

⁸ *Id.*