



PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Communications Commission
45 L St., NE
Washington, D.C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500
Internet: <https://www.fcc.gov>
TTY: 1-888-835-5322

DA 21-1256
October 7, 2021

RURAL DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PRELIMINARY LIST OF AREAS SUBJECT TO DEFAULT ANNOUNCED; CORRECTIONS SOUGHT

AU Docket No. 20-34
WC Docket No. 19-126
WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force (RBATF), Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB), and the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) announce that a number of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (Auction 904) long-form applicants have notified us that they do not intend to pursue Auction 904 support for some or all of their winning bid(s).

On July 26, 2021, the RBATF, WCB, and OEA sent a letter to certain long-form applicants that identified census blocks where concerns of existing service or questions of potential waste had been raised, and informed applicants that if they no longer intend to pursue support for a winning bid they should identify those census block groups with a brief explanation of their decision to default on their bid(s).¹

A preliminary list of the identified areas where letter recipients indicated they will no longer pursue funding is available on the Auction 904 website under the “Results” tab.² Letter recipients are encouraged to review this list carefully to confirm it accurately reflects the areas where they intend to default on some or all of their winning bid(s).³ Any corrections to this list should be sent to Auction904@fcc.gov by October 22, 2021.

-FCC-

¹ See “Letters to Long-Form Applicants about Identified Census Blocks,” <https://www.fcc.gov/auction/904/releases>.

² See “Preliminary List of Areas Subject to Default in Response to July 26th Letter,” www.fcc.gov/auction/904/round-results.

³ Defaults of areas not identified in the letter will be announced in a subsequent public notice.