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**AUCTION 904 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE; DETAILED TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS AND LETTER OF CREDIT COMMITMENT LETTERS ACCEPTED UNTIL FEBRUARY 16TH**

**AU Docket No. 20-34**

**WC Docket No. 19-126**

**WC Docket No. 10-90**

The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force (Task Force), Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau), and the Office of Economics and Analytics (Office) announce the availability of educational materials related to the detailed technology and system design descriptions that must be filed by Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I (Auction 904) long-form applicants.[[1]](#footnote-3) These materials are available on the Auction 904 website ([www.fcc.gov/auction/904](http://www.fcc.gov/auction/904)) under the “Education” tab. They include a video tutorial, recommended standards and data fields for wireless coverage maps submitted in ESRI Shapefile format, and an optional template for long-form applicants to submit.

The Task Force, Bureau, and Office also announce that long-form applicants must upload their letter of credit commitment letter(s) and detailed technology and system design description(s) to their FCC Form 683,[[2]](#footnote-4) and submit and certify their applications,[[3]](#footnote-5) prior to **6 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 16, 2021**. A February 15th deadline had been previously announced for this information;[[4]](#footnote-6) however, because February 15th is a federal holiday, this information will be accepted the next business day.[[5]](#footnote-7) Long-form applicants are strongly encouraged to file early and are responsible for allowing adequate time for filing their applications.

For further information, email auction904@fcc.gov.

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1. *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I Auction (Auction 904) Closes; Winning Bidders Announced; FCC Form 683 Due January 29, 2021*; AU Docket No. 20-34 et al., Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 13888, 13894, para. 17 (2020) (*Auction 904 Closing Public Notice*) (noting that “[f]urther educational materials regarding this requirement will also be made available on the Auction 904 website”). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. 47 CFR § 54.804(b)(2)(iv), (3); *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I Auction Scheduled for October 29, 2020; Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 904*, AU Docket No. 20-34 et al., Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 6077, 6167-74, paras. 301-11 (2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. A long-form applicant must always click on the CERTIFY & SUBMIT button on the “Certify & Submit” screen to successfully submit its FCC Form 683 and any modifications; otherwise, the application or changes to the application will not be received or reviewed by Commission staff. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. *Auction 904* *Closing Public Notice*, 35 FCC Rcd at 13893-94, para. 17. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. 47 CFR § 1.4(j). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)