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URBAN RATE SURVEY TIMELINE FOR 2022

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The Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA), in consultation with the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB), hereby initiates the urban rate survey for 2022.¹ The information collected in this survey will be used to develop voice and broadband reasonable comparability benchmarks that will be in place in 2022.

This year, we will be collecting the rates offered by a random sample of providers of fixed services identified using December 2020 FCC Form 477 data. We will collect separate samples for fixed voice and fixed broadband services, with up to 500 urban Census tracts for voice services and up to 2,000 urban Census tracts for broadband services.² Because some providers serve many urban Census tracts, these providers may receive surveys for multiple Census tracts. Notifications that a provider is required to complete a survey will be sent via email to each selected provider's FCC Form 477 contact person and certifying official on **July 12, 2021**. The survey consists of an online reporting form, which will be accessible only to the selected providers. The email notification will provide detailed information on how to access and complete the survey online and how to obtain technical assistance. Completed surveys will be due on **August 20, 2021**.

Additional information on the urban rate survey, including the order referenced in this Public Notice, can be found on the Commission's urban rate survey webpage at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/urban-rate-survey-data-resources>.

For questions about the urban rate survey, please contact Craig Stroup in the Industry Analysis Division of the Office of Economics and Analytics at Craig.Stroup@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0989. For additional information about this Public Notice, please contact Suzanne Yelen at Suzanne.Yelen@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0626.

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¹ In April 2013, WCB adopted an Order setting the form and content for the annual survey of urban rates for fixed voice and fixed broadband residential services. *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 4242 (WCB/WTB 2013).

² We have increased the number of urban Census tracts in the sample for broadband services because the range of services for which reasonably comparable rates are needed has grown substantially since the urban rate survey was initiated. See Federal Communications Commission, Supporting Statement, Survey of Urban Rates, DA 13-598, Control No. 3060-1192 (filed OMB Dec. 26, 2019) available at https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=201911-3060-013.