Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street NE Washington, DC 20554

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

DA 21-824

Released: July 12, 2021

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS ADDITIONAL AUCTION 105 PRIORITY ACCESS LICENSES

Auction No. 105

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announces the grant of an additional two long-form applications and issuance of 26 Priority Access Licenses. On August 25, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) completed the auction of Priority Access Licenses in the 3550-3650 MHz portion of the 3550-3700 MHz (3.5 GHz) band, and the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) and WTB announced the results of that auction on September 2, 2020. This auction raised a total of \$4,543,232,339 in net bids (\$4,585,663,345 in gross bids), with 228 bidders winning a total of 20,625 licenses. Long-form applications (FCC Form 601) of winning bidders were accepted on December 3, 2020, January 19, 2021, March 26, 2021, and June 23, 2021. Licenses were granted for certain winning bidders on March 12, 2021 and April 30, 2021.

Upon further review and examination, the WTB finds the applications for the licenses listed in Attachment A to be complete and in conformance with the Commission's rules, and no petitions to deny

¹ See Auction of Priority Access Licenses in the 3550-3650 MHz Band Closes, AU Docket No. 19-244, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 9287 (OEA & WTB 2020).

² "Gross bids" refers to the total amount of winning bids at the close of bidding and does not reflect any small business or rural service provider bidding credits claimed by eligible winning bidders. "Net bids" refers to the total amount of winning bids as adjusted for any small business or rural service provider bidding credits claimed by winning bidders.

³ Specifically, 235 FCC long-form applications were accepted for filing on December 3, 2020. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for Auction 105 Licenses Are Accepted for Filing, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 14080 (WTB 2020). An additional 10 FCC long-form applications were accepted for filing on January 19, 2021. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Additional Applications for Auction 105 Licenses Are Accepted for Filing, Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 798 (WTB 2021). An additional three FCC long-form applications were accepted for filing on March 26, 2021. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Additional Applications for Auction 105 Licenses Are Accepted for Filing, Public Notice, DA 21-347 (WTB Mar. 26, 2021). One additional FCC long-form application was accepted for filing on June 23, 2021. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces an Additional Application for Auction 105 Licenses is Accepted for Filing, Public Notice, DA 21-728 (WTB June 23, 2021). Initial review of the remaining Auction 105 long-form applications is ongoing.

⁴ Specifically, 17,450 licenses associated with 222 FCC long-form applications were granted on March 12, 2021. See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants Auction 105 Priority Access Licenses, Public Notice, DA 21-300 (WTB Mar. 12, 2021) (First Auction 105 Grant PN). An additional 125 licenses associated with 13 FCC long-form applications were granted on April 30, 2021. See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants Additional Auction 105 Priority Access Licenses, Public Notice, DA 21-498 (WTB April 30, 2021) (Second Auction 105 Grant PN).

these applications were filed.⁵ We find that granting the applications for the licenses listed in Attachment A serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Furthermore, the Commission has received full payment for the licenses listed in Attachment A, as required by section 1.2109(a) of its rules.⁶ Accordingly, by this Public Notice, we announce the grant of the licenses listed in Attachment A. We grant these licenses pursuant to section 309(a) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 309(a), and sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

We remind licensees that they should review the Commission's part 96 rules and all Commission orders and public notices establishing rules and policies for the 3.5 GHz band.⁷ Each licensee is solely responsible for complying with all FCC rules and regulations associated with these licenses.

This Public Notice includes two attachments:

Attachment A – Priority Access Licenses Granted – Sorted by Licensee Attachment B – Priority Access Licenses Granted – Sorted by Market Number

Please contact Leslie Barnes, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division, at (202) 418-1612 or Leslie.Barnes@fcc.gov for questions regarding legal matters or licensing issues. Please contact Cecilia Sulhoff at (202) 418-0587 or Cecilia Sulhoff@fcc.gov for press questions.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice) or 202-418-0432 (TTY).

- FCC -

⁵ Review of applications that previously were accepted for filing, but are not listed in Attachment A, the *First* Auction 105 Grant PN, or the Second Auction 105 Grant PN, is ongoing. See First Auction 105 Grant PN; see also Second Auction 105 Grant PN.

^{6 47} CFR § 1.2109(a).

⁷ See 47 CFR pt. 96; see also Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-3650 MHz Band, GN Docket No. 12-354, Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 3959 (2015); Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 3550-3650 MHz Band, GN Docket No. 12-354, Order on Reconsideration and Second Report and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 5011 (2016); Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band, GN Docket No. 17-258, Report and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 10598 (2018).