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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS AUCTION 108 LICENSES

Auction No. 108

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announces the grant of 51 long-form applications and issuance of 650 licenses for Auction 108. On August 29, 2022, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) completed the auction of new flexible-use geographic overlay licenses in the (2.5 GHz) band, and the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announced the results of that auction on September 1, 2022. This auction raised a total of \$419,133,261 in net bids and \$427,789,670 in gross bids, with 63 bidders winning a total of 7,872 licenses. Long-form applications for licenses won in Auction 108 were due on September 16, 2022. WTB accepted these 51 Auction 108 applications for filing on October 26, 2022.

Upon further review and examination, WTB finds the applications for the licenses listed in Attachment A to be complete and in conformance with the Commission's rules. 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.⁴ 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 all Commission orders and public notices establishing rules and policies for the 2.5 GHz Band.⁵ Each licensee is solely responsible for complying with all FCC rules and regulations associated with these licenses. Notably, we remind Auction 108 licensees that they must protect existing incumbent licenses, including Rural Tribal Priority Window (RTPW) licenses.⁶ We further remind licensees that pending RTPW applications may affect the licenses

¹ Auction of Flexible-Use Licenses in the 2.5 GHz Band Closes, Public Notice, DA 22-910 (OEA & WTB Sept. 1, 2022).

² "Gross bids" refers to the total of winning bid amounts 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 of winning bid amounts as adjusted for any small business or rural service provider bidding credits claimed by winning bidders.

³ Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces that Applications for Auction 108 Licenses Are Accepted for Filing, Public Notice, DA 22-1125 (WTB Oct. 26, 2022).

⁴ 47 CFR § 1.2109(a).

⁵ See generally Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band, WT Docket No. 18-120, Report and Order, 34 FCC Rcd 5446 (2019) (modified by Erratum, 34 FCC Rcd 10386 (WTB 2019)) (2.5 GHz Report and Order).

⁶ See 2.5 Report and Order at 28, para. 77; 47 CFR § 27.1206(b)(2)(ii).

issued in Auction 108. Licenses granted through applications received during the RTPW will have incumbent status vis-à-vis licenses awarded in Auction 108.⁷ In other words, any winning bidder awarded a license in Auction 108 may not operate within the license area of a successful RTPW applicant, even if that RTPW application remains pending at the time of issuance of the Auction 108 overlay license.

This Public Notice includes two attachments:

Attachment A – Flexible-Use Licenses Granted – Sorted by Licensee Attachment B – Flexible-Use Licenses Granted – Sorted by Market Number

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⁷ *Id.* at 14, para. 9.