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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU BEGINS ACCEPTING CONTRABAND INTERDICTION SYSTEM CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS AND DESIGNATED CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OFFICIAL REQUESTS

GN Docket No. 13-111

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) announces that it will immediately begin accepting: (1) applications for certification of Contraband Interdiction Systems (CIS) for use in the submission of qualifying requests for the disabling of contraband wireless devices in correctional facilities; and (2) requests to become a Designated Correctional Facility Official (DCFO).¹

On July 13, 2021, the Commission released the *Second Report and Order* in this proceeding, which adopted a framework requiring the disabling of contraband wireless devices detected in correctional facilities upon satisfaction of certain criteria.² As directed in the *Second Report and Order*, on December 17, 2021, the Bureau released the *Guidance Public Notice*,³ providing guidance for applicants regarding the submission of CIS certification applications to the Bureau that describe the legal and technical qualifications of the system that the applicant seeks to use as the basis for qualifying requests for contraband device disabling.⁴ The *Second Report and Order* also adopted requirements for qualifying DCFOs to ensure that parties making disabling requests have the necessary authority and accountability to safeguard the integrity of the contraband device identification and disabling process.⁵ In the *Guidance Public Notice*, the Bureau outlined the procedures for individuals requesting to be DCFOs.⁶

For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Halie Peacher, Attorney Advisor, WTB, Mobility Division at (202) 418-0514 or Halie.Peacher@fcc.gov.

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¹ On May 3, 2022, the Bureau announced that the rules adopted in the *Second Report and Order* requiring OMB approval were immediately effective. See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Effective Date for Certain Contraband Interdiction System Rules*, GN Docket No. 13-111, Public Notice, DA 22-474 (May 3, 2022).

² See *In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities*, GN Docket No. 13-111, Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 36 FCC Rcd 11813, 11814, para. 2 (2021) (*Second Report and Order*); see also *In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities*, GN Docket No. 13-111, Erratum (rel. Aug. 3, 2021).

³ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Provides Guidance for Filing Contraband Interdiction System Certification Applications and Self-Certifications*, GN Docket No. 13-111, DA 21-1572 (WTB 2021) (*Guidance Public Notice*).

⁴ *Guidance Public Notice*, at 2-4, paras. 5-6, 9-10.

⁵ See *Second Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 11817, para. 17.

⁶ *Guidance Public Notice*, at 6-7, paras. 20-21.