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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON FIVE CONTRABAND INTERDICTION SYSTEM CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS

GN Docket No. 13-111

Comment Deadline: April 23, 2023

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.¹ On December 17, 2021, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) issued the *Guidance Public Notice*, which established the minimum criteria that must be demonstrated in and provided guidance on the submission of a Contraband Interdiction System (CIS) certification application.² Specifically, phase one of the CIS certification application process requires an applicant to describe the legal and technical qualifications of and provide a test plan for the system that the applicant seeks to use as the basis for qualifying requests for contraband device disabling.³ Per the *Second Report and Order*, stakeholders will have an opportunity to review and comment on the CIS certification applications prior to testing or deploying at a correctional facility.⁴

By this Public Notice, the Bureau announces that the CIS applications listed in Attachment A hereto have been found complete, and stakeholders are invited to review the application and file comments using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁵ All filings must reference **GN Docket 13-111 and the relevant file number**, as listed in Attachment A. Stakeholders seeking review of confidential filings are required to follow the procedures set forth in the Protective Order.⁶ We call attention to a change to the Commission's typical protective order provisions that is being adopted for this proceeding. Under this Protective Order, experts employed by wireless providers participating in the proceeding will be permitted to have access to Confidential Information. Experts employed by other commercial entities will continue to be prohibited from such access. We urge all

¹ See 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 Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities, GN Docket No. 13-111, Erratum (rel. Aug. 3, 2021).

² Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Provides Guidance for Filing Contraband Interdiction System Certification Applications and Self-Certifications, GN Docket No. 13-111, DA 21-1572, 2-4, paras. 5-6, 9-10 (WTB 2021) (Guidance Public Notice).

³ Guidance Public Notice, at 2-4, paras. 5-10.

⁴ Second Report and Order, 36 FCC Rcd at 11822, 11824, paras. 24, 27.

⁵ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁶ See Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities, GN Docket No. 13-111, Protective Order, DA 23-223 (Mar. 24, 2023).

parties who plan to seek access to confidential information in this proceeding (and who have filed or have a good faith intention to file material comments) to promptly file an Acknowledgement of Confidentiality, as set forth in the Protective Order.

Additional Information. 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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ATTACHMENT A

CIS Certification Application Name and Associated File Number

CIS Certification Applicant	File Number
CellBlox Acquisitions, LLC ⁷	0001
ShawnTech Communications, Inc. ⁸	0002
Tecore Networks ⁹	0003
SOC, LLC ¹⁰	0004
OmniProphis Corporation ¹¹	0005

⁷ Application of CellBlox Acquisitions, LLC for Certification of Contraband Interdiction System Under 47 CFR Section 20.23, GN Docket No. 13-111 (filed Aug. 9, 2022) (CellBlox CIS Application).

⁸ ShawnTech Communications, Inc., CIS Certification Application, GN Docket No. 13-111 (filed Oct. 4, 2022) (ShawnTech CIS Application).

⁹ Application of Tecore Networks for Certification of Contraband Interdiction System Under 47 CFR Section 20.23, GN Docket No. 13-111 (filed Aug. 22, 2022) (Tecore CIS Application).

¹⁰ Application of SOC, LLC for Certification of Contraband Interdiction System Under 47 CFR 20.23, GN Docket No. 13-111 (filed Nov. 3, 2022) (SOC CIS Application).

¹¹ Application of OmniProphis Corporation for Certification of Contraband Interdiction System Under 47 CFR Section 20.23, GN Docket No. 13-111 (filed Nov. 30, 2022) (OmniProphis CIS Application).