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CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II AUCTION APPLICATION REVIEW CONCLUDES; LONG-FORM APPLICATIONS MADE PUBLIC

AU Docket No. 17-182
WC Docket No. 10-90

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) announces the conclusion of the Connect America Fund Phase II auction (Auction 903 or CAF Phase II auction) long-form application review. There were 195 authorized applicant state combinations, totaling \$1.48 billion authorized in 10-year support, covering 708,494 locations in 45 states. Authorized bids included a range of performance tiers, with more than one-half of the winning bids at 100/20 Mbps or higher. Additionally, 10 applicants were authorized to receive CAF Phase II auction support in conjunction with New York's New NY Broadband Program totaling \$65.49 million in 10-year support, covering 47,200 locations in New York.¹

All Auction 903 winning bids have been authorized or defaulted, with state-level summaries of authorizations posted under the "Data" tab on the Auction 903 webpage at <https://www.fcc.gov/auction/903>. The summary provides for each authorized Auction 903 long-form applicant: 1) the total support amount over 10 years and total number of locations that the long-form applicant is authorized for in each state; 2) the total number of locations to which the authorized support recipient must offer the required voice and broadband services for each performance tier and latency in each state; and 3) the eligible census blocks included in the winning bids that are authorized in each state.²

As part of the Rural Broadband Accountability Plan,³ the Commission is also making available additional information from the long-form applications submitted by applicants (FCC Form 683 and FCC Form 5625). The Auction 903 FCC Form 683 long-form applications will be viewable through the application search feature, which can be accessed through the "Application" tab on the Auction 903 web page.⁴ The FCC Form 5625 long-form applications for New York applicants will be viewable on the "New York" tab on the Auction 903 web page. The Commission will continue to withhold from routine public inspection information related to a long-form applicant's detailed technology and system design description and its project funding description; financial information for which confidential treatment was

¹ *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Order, 32 FCC Rcd 968 (2017) (waiving the CAF Phase II auction rules to allow distribution of CAF Phase II auction support in Connect America Fund-eligible areas in New York in coordination with New York's New NY Broadband Program).

² This summary will also be updated to reflect that Gila Local Exchange Carrier, Inc. was later assigned a different study area code than it was originally assigned for its Auction 903 support.

³ See generally Federal Communications Commission, *Rural Broadband Accountability Plan*, <https://www.fcc.gov/rbap> (last visited Jan. 19, 2023).

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, *Connect America Fund Phase II Auction (Auction 903)*, <https://www.fcc.gov/auction/903> (last visited Jan. 19, 2023).

requested under the section 0.459(a)(4) abbreviated confidential treatment process; letter of credit documentation; and any other information subject to a request for confidential treatment that has been granted or remains pending.⁵

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Auction 903 Information

General Auction Information, Process, and
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⁵ See *Connect America Fund Phase II Auction (Auction 903) Closes; Winning Bidders Announced; FCC Form 683 Due October 15, 2018*; AU Docket No. 17-182 et al., Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 8257, 8266-67 (WCB/WTB 2018); *Connect America Fund Phase II Auction Support for 962 Winning Bids Ready to be Authorized*, AU Docket No. 17-182 et al., Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 955, 957 & n.10 (WCB/OEA 2019).