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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION / REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION FOR THE LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY ADMINISTRATOR SELECTION PROCESS

WC Docket No. 23-337

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the release by North American Portability Management, LLC (NAPM)¹ of the Request for Information (RFI) and Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA) selection process. The RFI is intended to gather information primarily about potential beneficial changes that parties believe could be brought to LNPA operations – in particular, operations of the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC), which is the local number portability (LNP) database. The RFQ seeks expressions of interest in serving as the LNPA, and collects basic qualification information for NAPM and the Bureau to consider in determining whether a party expressing interest is facially qualified to serve as the LNPA.

Responses to the RFI will inform development of the Request for Proposal (RFP) that NAPM will issue seeking formal bids from entities seeking to serve as the LNPA. Acceptance of the RFQ by NAPM will permit such party to advance to the step of the selection process in which it will respond to the RFP.

Interested parties may request access to the RFI and RFQ through NAPM's website, www.napmllc.org, starting on August 21, 2024, at 12:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time. The RFI and RFQ will be made available to parties that have established access on August 28, 2024, by 12:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time. Responses to the RFI and RFQ are due on October 10, 2024, at 12:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time. No party, including the current LNPA, will be eligible to submit a proposal in response to the RFP if that party did not submit a response to the RFQ by the deadline for responding to the RFQ.²

After reviewing the responses to the RFI and RFQ, NAPM will file with the Bureau recommendations regarding responses to the RFQ (along with all RFQ responses), which the Bureau will

¹ NAPM is an industry consortium generally open to all wireline (including interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol) and Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers that currently port numbers or state that they intend to port numbers within six months of admission. *Third Local Number Portability Administrator Selection Process*, WC Docket No. 23-337, Order, DA 24-104 at 1, para. 3 (WCB Feb. 6, 2024) (*LNPA Selection Process Order*). NAPM has served in this role since the inception of the LNPA and was the originator of all procurement documents (all subject to Commission approval), as well as the initial evaluator of competing bids, in the last selection process. *Id.* at 1-2, para. 3. We concluded in the *LNPA Selection Process Order* that NAPM, subject to full Commission oversight, should develop selection criteria and contractual documents governing the LNPA selection process for consideration by the Bureau. *Id.* at 3, para. 6. The Bureau approved an extension of the current contract until May 2031, with two potential option years. *LNPA Selection Process Order* at 6, para. 14.

² *LNPA Selection Process Order* at 4, n.20.

consider.³ Within four months of receiving the recommendations, the Bureau will direct NAPM to notify any parties that expressed interest that they have been determined either to be facially qualified or not facially qualified (and not permitted to participate further in the selection process).⁴ Further information regarding the LNPA selection process can be found in the *LNPA Selection Process Order* and *LNPA Selection Process Notice*.⁵

Contact Person. For further information about this proceeding, please contact Edward Krachmer, FCC Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, 45 L Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20554, 202-418-1525, Edward.Krachmer@fcc.gov.

³ See *Third Local Number Portability Administrator Selection Process*, WC Docket No. 23-337, Public Notice, DA 23-940, at 3 (WCB Oct. 10, 2023) (*LNPA Selection Process Notice*) adopted by *LNPA Selection Process Order* at 3, para. 7.

⁴ *Id.* The next phase of the selection process will be the release of the RFP. See *LNPA Selection Process Notice* at 4.

⁵ See *LNPA Selection Process Order*; *LNPA Selection Process Notice*.