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THE OFFICE OF ECONOMICS AND ANALYTICS LAUNCHES A NEW AUCTION APPLICATION SYSTEM FOR SHORT-FORM (FCC FORM 175) APPLICATIONS FOR SPECTRUM AUCTIONS

The Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) announces the launch of the Auction Application System (AAS), which auction applicants will use to submit short-form applications (FCC Form 175) for future Commission auctions. The AAS, which replaces the Commission's legacy Integrated Spectrum Auction System (ISAS), will allow auction applicants to submit their applications more efficiently and securely, consistent with the Commission's broad goals of increasing efficiency and modernizing the agency's processes in the digital age.[1]

The AAS will be used first in the Commission's upcoming auction of licenses for spectrum in the AWS-3 bands (Auction 113). The window for filing FCC Form 175 short-form applications for Auction 113 will open on January 26, 2026, at 12:00 PM Eastern Time (ET). Until then, members of the public with an FCC Username associated with an FCC Registration Number (FRN) may access the Auction Application Portal (AAP) in the AAS to confirm their ability to log in and successfully authenticate to the system using multifactor authentication and set up the appropriate Auctions Permissions for their FRNs.[2]

Any party interested in applying to participate in Auction 113 is strongly encouraged to complete the steps necessary to enable it to log in to and access the AAP as soon as possible to allow for sufficient time to resolve any technical issues before the short-form application deadline. However, a party interested in applying to participate in Auction 113 will not be able to create an FCC Form 175 until the short-form application filing window opens.

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[1] *Amendment of Certain of the Commission's Part 1 Rules of Practice and Procedure and Part 0 Rules of Commission Organization*, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 1594, 1594-95, para. 1 (2011). *See also* Exec. Order 14028, *Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity*, 86 Fed. Reg. 26633 (May 17, 2021); Office of Mgmt. & Budget, Exec. Office of the President, OMB Memorandum M-22-09, *Moving the U.S. Government Toward Zero Trust Cybersecurity Principles* (2022); Office of Mgmt. & Budget, Exec. Office of the President, OMB Memorandum M-23-22, *Delivering a Digital-First Public Experience* (2023).

[2] The AAS will also allow any member of the public (including auction applicants) to search for any short-form applications submitted via the AAS, as well as short-form applications submitted via the Commission's legacy auction application system. To search short-form applications in the AAS, go to https://aap.fcc.gov/search. The public search function in the Commission's legacy auction application system will be available until further notice at https://auctionfiling.fcc.gov/form175/search175/index.htm.

To access the AAP, an individual must have an FCC Username, and that FCC Username must be associated with an FRN in the Commission's Registration System (CORES).[3] An individual that has already registered an FCC Username account for use with another FCC system (e.g., Network Outage Reporting System (NORS) or Universal Licensing System (ULS)) may use that same FCC Username account to access the AAP.

Logging in to the AAP also requires the installation and use of Okta Verify® or Google Authenticator® for multifactor authentication.

Once an individual has taken all necessary steps to log in to the AAP, that individual must then be granted appropriate Auctions Permissions in the AAP by an Administrator for the potential applicant's FRN in CORES in order for the individual to create, edit, and/or view an FCC Form 175 in the AAP.

The *Log In and Manage FRN Auctions Permissions in the Auction Application Portal* instructions and a related tutorial are available in the Education section of the Auction 113 website, https://www.fcc.gov/auction/113. The instructions and tutorial provide step-by-step guidance on how to register an FCC Username in CORES, how to obtain a new FRN in CORES, how to associate an FCC Username with a specific FRN in CORES to create an FCC Username account, how to set up Okta Verify® or Google Authenticator® for multifactor authentication, and how to obtain Auctions Permissions for an FRN in the AAP.

For questions related to the AAS login process, please call the FCC Auctions Technical Support Hotline at (877) 480-3201, option 9 or (202) 418-1250 (Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM ET) or the FCC Auctions Hotline at (717) 338-2868 (Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM ET).

For additional information and general questions related to Auction 113, please visit https://www.fcc.gov/auction/113 or email auction113@fcc.gov.

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[3] *Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules, Concerning Practice and Procedure, Amendment of CORES Registration System*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 25 FCC Rcd 17407, 17409-10, para. 8 (2010) ("CORES is a web-based, password-protected, registration system that assigns a unique 10-digit FRN to a registrant for use when doing business with the FCC. These FRNs are used by all Commission systems that handle financial, authorization of service, and enforcement activities, and enable our customers to be more easily identified as the filers of applications, reports, remittance payments and other documents with the FCC."). The CORES and CORES Update information collection requirements have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control numbers 3060-0917 and 3060-0918.