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FCC GRANTS FIRST ADVANCED WIRELESS SERVICES LICENSES WON IN AUCTION NO. 66

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Wireless Telecommunications Bureau granted 550 of the 1,087 licenses won in the Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) Auction completed September 18, 2006 (Auction No. 66). The grant of these licenses will promote the further deployment of broadband services across the United States, as they can be used to provide a wide array of innovative wireless services and technologies, including voice, data, video, and other wireless broadband services.

The licenses granted today represent \$12.2 billion of the \$13.7 billion in total net high bids from Auction No. 66. This \$12.2 billion in auction revenue will nearly double the approximately \$14 billion in total revenue transferred to the U.S. Treasury from all previous FCC auctions combined. This revenue will also fully fund the estimated cost of relocating the federal government operations currently occupying the lower half of the AWS band (1710-1755 MHz), as required by the Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act (CSEA).

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau continues to review the remaining AWS license applications.

Action by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau on November 29, 2006, by Public Notice (DA 06-2408).

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