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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR BIDDERS INTERESTED IN REMAINING UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR RURAL BROADBAND EXPERIMENTS SUPPORT TO FILE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WC Docket No. 10-90 WC Docket No. 14-259

In an Order released today, the Federal Communications Commission established a process to enable the provisional selection of additional bidders for rural broadband experiments support in the event any of the current provisionally selected bidders defaults before the time the Wireline Competition Bureau finalizes the list of census blocks that will be offered to the price cap carriers for Phase II of the Connect America Fund.¹ Specifically, all bidders in the rural broadband experiments that wish to remain in consideration for rural broadband experiments support must file their most recent three consecutive years of audited financial statements, including balance sheets, net income, and cash flow, as well as a description of the technology and system design that would be used to deliver voice and broadband service meeting the requisite speeds to all locations in the funded census blocks, including a network diagram, which must be certified by a professional engineer.² This information must be filed with the **Commission in WC Docket No. 14-259 by 7p.m. EST on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.** Attachment A provides a list of entities that successfully submitted bids, but whose bids were not provisionally selected for rural broadband experiments funding.³

Procedural Matters. Due to the nature of these filings, entities must request confidential treatment of their filing in order to protect the integrity of the competitive bidding process.⁴ Confidential filings must be in paper format and sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. The filings must reference WC Docket No. 14-259

¹ See Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications; Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Obsolete ILEC Regulatory Obligations that Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, 14-192, Report and Order, FCC 14-190, para. 83 (rel. Dec. 18, 2014).

 $^{^{2}}$ See id.

³ This list includes provisionally selected bidders that submitted additional bids that were not selected for funding. Though these bidders already are required to file certain technical and financial information regarding their selected bids, to the extent they wish to be considered for additional support for their unselected bids, we require them to follow the steps outlined in this Public Notice.

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 0.459. For more guidance on confidential filings, *see* Federal Communications Commission, Guidelines for Filing Paper Documents, <u>http://transition.fcc.gov/osec/guidelines.html</u> (last visited Dec. 18, 2014).

in the cover letter. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Filings must be <u>received</u> by the deadline specified above in order to be considered.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of <u>before</u> entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

Entities also must provide notification that they have filed their materials and submit an electronic version of their filing by e-mailing <u>RuralBroadbandExperiments@fcc.gov</u>. In the event that an entity is unable to attach its materials to an email due to the size of the submission, the materials should be sent on machine readable media using the mailing methods discussed above to the attention of Ian Forbes, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B438, Washington D.C. 20554.

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For additional information on this proceeding, contact Ian Forbes (<u>Ian.Forbes@fcc.gov</u>) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

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ATTACHMENT A Rural Broadband Experiments Bidders Not Provisionally Selected for Funding

FRN	Entity Name
0016085920	@Link Services, LLC
0020449831	Agile Network Builders, LLC
0002598779	Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, Inc.
0015034358	Allband Communications Cooperative
0003746898	Allen's TV Cable Service, Inc.
0024056673	Aristotle Telecom, LLC
0018714071	Axiom Technologies
0002073427	BARC Electric Cooperative
0002506384	Barry Electric Cooperative, Inc
0002477636	BEK Communications Cooperative
0015024946	Big Bend Telecom, LTD
0024049926	Brainstorm Internet Inc
0016419392	Broadband Corp
0006823991	BVU Authority
0018928994	Callabyte Technology LLC
0024063604	CD Networks, LLC
0023049356	Central Ozarks Telecom
0002295400	City of Chanute, Kansas
0015950934	City of Wilson
0003772787	Clarence Telephone Company, Inc.
0004329264	Clearcom, Inc.
0014242846	Coeur d'Alene Tribe
0021854278	Co-Mo Comm, Inc.
0004371472	Computer 5, Inc. / DBA LocalTel Communications
0003740396	Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc
0003742467	Consolidated Telephone Company
0004321733	Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
0007266703	Daktel Communications, LLC
0023369135	De Novo Group
0023973480	Declaration Networks Group, Inc.
0007690258	Delta Communications LLC
0024049629	Donnell, Michael D
0001566306	Douglas Services, Inc.
0001629781	Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc.
0023399207	ECF Holding, LLC
0018021923	eCom Direct, Inc.
0005420278	EPB
0001665835	ETEX Communications, LP
0023948458	Extra Mile Fiber LLC

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0001624030	Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
0003747722	Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
0003741576	Federated Telephone Cooperative
0004351722	Fidelity Communication Services I, Inc
0023480866	Finger Lakes Region Rural Broadband Company, Inc.
0023978471	French Broad Electric Membership Corporation
0018367177	Geneseo Communications Services, Inc.
0024059966	Georgia Business Net Telecommunications LLC
0022311088	Georgia Communications Cooperative, Inc.
0005782289	Gonthier Inc.
0003744224	Halstad Telephone Company
0005039854	Hargray of Georgia, Inc.
0018729186	Harrison REMC
0024068207	Henry County REMC
0004973202	Home Telephone Company, Inc.
0004324661	Hot Springs Telephone Company (HSTC)
0004821989	Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative
0023962624	Inetvisions LLC
0001770783	InfoStructure, Inc.
0024005332	Intercounty Electric Cooperative Association
0019556604	Inyo Networks Inc.
0002904282	Johnson County REMC
0004530812	Kit Carson Electric Cooperative
0004322053	LaHarpe Telephone Company. Inc.
0023985237	Lake Region Technology & Communications, LLC
0024021529	Last Mile Broadband LLC
0003708104	Lennon Telephone Company
0021887468	Liberty Cablevision of Puerto Rico, LLC
0024039877	LibreNexus Association
0023276629	LREMC Technologies, L.L.C.
0001775568	Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative
0023970288	Mid-Hudson Region Rural Broadband Company, Inc.
0023076508	Midwest Energy Cooperative dba Midwest Connections
0018562611	New Lisbon Telephone Company
0001732742	North Arkansas Electric Cooperative Incorporative
0021320155	Northeast Rural Services, Inc.
0004364022	Northern Valley Communications, LLC
0007956725	Orcas Power and Light Cooperative
0003738986	Oregon Telephone Corporation
0001732718	Ozarks Electric Cooperative Corporation
0023836125	Ozarks Wireless
0002644953	Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative

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0024066110	PEAR Networks LLC
0024068744	Peoples Telecom, LLC
0004315461	Pine Telephone System, Inc.
0003800570	Plateau Telecommunications Incorporated
0007117237	PocketiNet Communications, Inc.
0021344072	PREPA Networks, LLC
0023871403	Princeton Broadband
0010347631	RACC Enterprises, LLC
0024031932	Red River Cellular Telephone Corporation
0024048613	Rock County Broadband Alliance, LLC
0001643006	Ronan Telephone Company A Mont Corp
0023562580	Rural Broadband Services Corporation, Inc.
0014860530	Sacred Wind Communications, Inc.
0014489124	Sawtooth Technologies, LLC.
0002069862	Scott County Telephone Co-operative
0024062309	Skybeam, LLC
0011412129	Slic Network Solutions Inc.
0023970536	Southern Tier Region Rural Broadband Company, Inc.
0001731785	Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc
0010678001	Sunset Digital Communications, Inc.
0023888332	Tejas Wireless LLC
0022932255	Texhoma Fiber, LLC
0024062325	The Sea Ranch Association
0024055154	Tipmont REMC
0021261193	Totelcom Networks, LLC
0005017298	Troy Cablevision, Inc.
0016087876	United Electric Cooperative, Inc
0024051898	Valley Electric Association, Inc.
0023997562	Volunteer Energy Cooperative
0004327219	Wabash Independent Networks Inc.
0024070252	Wahatchee Technologies LLC
0023992019	Walker River Paiute Tribe
0002645612	West Central Telephone Association
0024022113	Western Gateway Region Rural Broadband Company, Inc.
0004319372	Wikstrom Telephone Company, Inc.
0011915014	Wilkes Communications, Inc
0011653508	Workable Programs & Systems, Inc.
0017249558	Worldcall Interconnect Inc.
0012579652	Zirkel Wireless