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RURAL BROADBAND AUCTIONS TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES WEBINAR TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS PUT FORTH IN THE CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II AUCTION COMMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

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

On August 4, 2017, the Commission released the Connect America Fund Phase II (CAF II) Auction Comment Public Notice,¹ seeking comment on detailed proposals for conducting the Phase II reverse auction designated as Auction 903. While many of the pre-auction and bidding procedures and processes proposed for this auction are similar to those used in other Commission auctions, the proposals include some new procedures and processes.

To facilitate public input on the proposals, the Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force announces that the Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus will host a webinar about the proposed auction process on **September 11, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**.

Topics covered in the webinar will include:

- Proposed application procedures;
- Proposed bidding procedures, covering:
 - o descending clock auction basics;
 - o submitting bids;
 - how winning bids are assigned; and
 - o how support amounts are determined.

The webinar will be available live over the Internet and participants will have an opportunity to submit questions before and during the webinar. Additional details, including how to register, how to view the workshop remotely, and how to obtain reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities will be released at a later date.

For additional information on this proceeding, contact Cecilia Sulhoff at <u>Cecilia.Sulhoff@fcc.gov</u> or 202-418-0587.

¹ Comment Sought on Competitive Bidding Procedures and Certain Program Requirements for the Connect America Fund Phase II Auction (Auction 903), FCC 17-101, *Public Notice*, AU Docket No. 17-182, WC Docket No. 10-90 (Aug. 4, 2014).

