

in the 900 MHz band scheduled for September 24, 2003 (Auction No. 51). This document is intended to familiarize prospective bidders with the procedures and minimum opening bids for this auction.

**DATES:** Auction No. 51 is scheduled to begin on September 24, 2003.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the *Auction No. 51 Procedures Public Notice* released on June 18, 2003. The complete text of the

*Auction No. 51 Procedures Public Notice*, including attachments, is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The *Auction No. 51 Procedures Public Notice* may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com). The Auction No. 51 Procedures Public Notice is also available on the Internet at the Commission's Web site: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/51/>.

**I. General Information**

*A. Introduction*

1. The *Auction No. 51 Procedures Public Notice* announces the procedures and minimum opening bids for the upcoming auction of six regional narrowband Personal Communications Services ("narrowband PCS") licenses

in the 900 MHz band scheduled for September 24, 2003 (Auction No. 51). On April 3, 2003, in accordance with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the Bureau released a public notice seeking comment on reserve prices or minimum opening bids and the procedures to be used for the auction of six regional narrowband PCS licenses. The Bureau received no comments and no reply comments in response to the *Auction No. 51 Comment Public Notice*, 68 FR 18642 (April 16, 2003).

*i. Licenses To Be Auctioned*

2. Auction No. 51 will offer six regional narrowband PCS licenses. The spectrum to be auctioned was previously associated with licenses that were awarded based on Auction No. 3 but have since been cancelled or terminated. A complete list of licenses available in Auction No. 51 and their descriptions is included in Attachment A of the *Auction No. 51 Procedures Public Notice*.

3. The following table describes the licenses that will be auctioned:

Region	Channel No.	Channel description	Frequency bands (MHz)	Bandwidth (kHz)
Northeast .....	17	12.5 kHz/50 kHz paired .....	901.8250-901.8375, 930.70-930.75 .....	62.5
South .....	16	12.5 kHz/50 kHz paired .....	901.8125-901.8250, 930.65-930.70 .....	62.5
South .....	17	12.5 kHz/50 kHz paired .....	901.8250-901.8375, 930.70-930.75 .....	62.5
Midwest .....	17	12.5 kHz/50 kHz paired .....	901.8250-901.8375, 930.70-930.75 .....	62.5
Central .....	17	12.5 kHz/50 kHz paired .....	901.8250-901.8375, 930.70-930.75 .....	62.5
West .....	17	12.5 kHz/50 kHz paired .....	901.8250-901.8375, 930.70-930.75 .....	62.5

*B. Rules and Disclaimers*

*i. Relevant Authority*

4. Prospective bidders must familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Commission's rules relating to narrowband PCS, contained in title 47, part 24 and part 90 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and those relating to application and auction procedures, contained in title 47, part 1 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Prospective bidders must also be thoroughly familiar with the procedures, terms and conditions (collectively, "terms") contained in the *Auction No. 51 Procedures Public Notice*; the *Auction No. 51 Comment Public Notice*; the *Part 1 Fifth Report and Order*, 65 FR 52401 (August 29, 2000), (as well as prior and subsequent Commission proceedings regarding competitive bidding procedures); the *Narrowband PCS R&O/Further Notice*, 62 FR 27507 (May 20, 1997), the *Narrowband Second Report and Order* and *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule*, and the *Third Narrowband Report and Order* and *Order on Reconsideration*.

5. The terms contained in the Commission's rules, relevant orders, and public notices are not negotiable. The Commission may amend or supplement the information contained in its public notices at any time, and will issue public notices to convey any new or supplemental information to bidders. It is the responsibility of all prospective bidders to remain current with all Commission rules and with all public notices pertaining to this auction. Copies of most Commission documents, including public notices, can be retrieved from the FCC Auctions Internet site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions>. Additionally, documents are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554, or may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or

via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com). When ordering documents from Qualex, please provide the appropriate FCC document number (for example, FCC 01-135 for the *Third Narrowband Report and Order* and *Order on Reconsideration*).

*ii. Prohibition of Collusion*

6. To ensure the competitiveness of the auction process, the Commission's rules prohibit applicants for any of the same or overlapping geographic license areas from communicating with each other during the auction about bids, bidding strategies, or settlements. The Bureau has previously stated that auction applicants who have applied for licenses in any of the same geographic areas, and who are also applicants for licenses in the same or competing services must affirmatively avoid all discussions with each other that affect, or in their reasonable assessment have the potential to affect their bidding or their bidding strategy. Accordingly, the prohibition in Section 1.2105(c) applies to communications between Auction No. 50 and Auction No. 51 applicants who have applied for licenses in any of