

into the database. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to physically inspect any sites located in, or near, the service area for which they plan to bid.

21. Licensing records for terrestrial private operational fixed point-to-point public safety are contained in the Bureau's Universal Licensing System ("ULS") and may be researched on the Internet at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>. Potential applicants may query the database online and download a copy of their search results if desired. Detailed instructions on using License Search (including frequency searches and the GeoSearch capability) and downloading query results are available online by selecting the "?" button at the upper right-hand corner of the License Search screen.

22. Potential applicants should direct questions regarding the search capabilities to the FCC Technical Support hotline at (202) 414-1250 (voice) or (202) 414-1255 (TTY), or via e-mail at ulscomm@fcc.gov. The hotline is available to assist with questions Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET. In order to provide better service to the public, *all calls to the hotline are recorded*.

v. Bidder Alerts

23. The FCC makes no representations or warranties about the use of this spectrum for particular services. Applicants should be aware that an FCC auction represents an opportunity to become an FCC licensee in this service, subject to certain conditions and regulations. An FCC auction does not constitute an endorsement by the FCC of any particular services, technologies or products, nor does an FCC license constitute a guarantee of business success. Applicants and interested parties should perform their own due diligence before proceeding, as they would with any new business venture.

24. As is the case with many business investment opportunities, some unscrupulous entrepreneurs may attempt to use Auction No. 53 to deceive and defraud unsuspecting investors.

25. Information about deceptive telemarketing investment schemes is available from the FTC at (202) 326-2222 and from the SEC at (202) 942-7040. Complaints about specific deceptive telemarketing investment schemes should be directed to the FTC, the SEC, or the National Fraud Information Center at (800) 876-7060. Consumers who have concerns about specific proposals regarding Auction No. 53 may also call the FCC Consumer Center at (888) CALL-FCC ((888) 225-5322).

vi. National Environmental Policy Act Requirements

26. Licensees must comply with the Commission's rules regarding the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"). The construction of a wireless antenna facility is a federal action and the licensee must comply with the Commission's NEPA rules for each such facility.

C. Auction Specifics

i. Auction Date

27. The auction will begin on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. The initial schedule for bidding will be announced by public notice at least one week before the start of the auction. Unless otherwise announced, bidding on all licenses will be conducted on each business day until bidding has stopped on all licenses.

ii. Auction Title

28. Auction No. 53—Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service

iii. Bidding Methodology

29. The bidding methodology for Auction No. 53 will be simultaneous multiple round bidding. The Commission will conduct this auction over the Internet, and telephonic bidding will be available as well. As a contingency plan, bidders may also dial in to the FCC Wide Area Network. Qualified bidders are permitted to bid telephonically or electronically.

iv. Pre-Auction Dates and Deadlines

30. The following is a list of important dates related to Auction No. 53:

Auction Seminar	October 29, 2003.
Short-Form Application (FCC FORM 175) Filing Window Opens	October 29, 2003; 12 p.m. ET.
Short-Form Application (FCC FORM 175) Filing Window Deadline	November 12, 2003; 6 p.m. ET.
Upfront Payments (via wire transfer)	December 8, 2003; 6 p.m. ET.
Mock Auction	January 9, 2004.
Auction Begins	January 14, 2004.

v. Requirements For Participation

31. Those wishing to participate in the auction must:

- Submit a short-form application (FCC Form 175) electronically by 6:00 p.m. ET, November 12, 2003.
- Submit a sufficient upfront payment and an FCC Remittance Advice Form (FCC Form 159) by 6:00 p.m. ET, December 8, 2003.
- Comply with all provisions outlined in the *Auction No. 53 Procedures Public Notice*.

vi. General Contact Information

32. The following is a list of general contact information related to Auction No. 53:

General Auction Information: General Auction Questions, Seminar Registration—FCC Auctions Hotline, (888) 225-5322, Press Option #2 or direct (717) 338-2888, Hours of service: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Auction Legal Information: Auction Rules, Policies, Regulations—Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Legal Branch (202) 418-0660.

Licensing Information: Rules, Policies, Regulations, Licensing Issues, Due Diligence, Incumbency Issues—Public Safety and Private Wireless Division (202) 418-0680.

Technical Support: Electronic Filing, FCC Automated Auction System—FCC Auctions Technical Support Hotline (202) 414-1250 (Voice), (202) 414-1255 (TTY), Hours of service: 8 a.m.–6 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

Payment Information: Wire Transfers, Refunds—FCC Auctions Accounting Branch (202) 418-0578, (202) 418-2843 (Fax).

Telephonic Bidding: Will be furnished only to qualified bidders.

FCC Forms: (800) 418-3676 (outside Washington, DC), (202) 418-3676 (in the Washington Area), <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>

FCC Internet Sites:
<http://www.fcc.gov>
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions>
<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>

II. Short-Form (FCC Form 175) Application Requirements

33. Guidelines for completion of the short-form (FCC Form 175) are set forth in Attachment D of the *Auction No. 53 Procedures Public Notice*.

A. License Selection

34. In Auction No. 53, FCC Form 175 will include a mechanism that allows an applicant to create customized lists of licenses. The applicant will select the filter criteria and the system will produce a list of licenses satisfying the specified criteria. The applicant may apply for all the licenses in the list (by using the "Save all filtered licenses" option) or select and save individual licenses separately from the list.

B. Ownership Disclosure Requirements (FCC Form 175 Exhibit A)

35. All applicants must comply with the uniform part 1 ownership disclosure standards and in completing FCC Form 175 provide information required by §§ 1.2105 and 1.2112 of the Commission's rules.