

C. Auction Specifics

i. Auction Date

25. The auction will begin on Tuesday, May 13, 2003. 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

26. Auction No. 48—Lower and Upper Paging.

iii. Bidding Methodology

27. The bidding methodology for Auction No. 48 will be simultaneous multiple round bidding. The Commission will conduct this auction over the Internet. Telephonic bidding will also be available. As a contingency, the FCC Wide Area Network will be available as well. Qualified bidders are permitted to bid telephonically or electronically.

iv. Pre-Auction Dates and Deadlines

28. Listed are important dates associated with Auction No. 32:
Auction seminar: March 6, 2003.
Short-form application (FCC Form 175): March 21, 2003; 6 p.m. e.t.
Upfront payments (via wire transfer): April 14, 2003; 6 p.m. e.t.
Mock auction: May 8, 2003.
Auction begins: May 13, 2003.

v. Requirements for Participation

29. Those wishing to participate in the auction must:

- Submit a short-form application (FCC Form 175) electronically by 6 p.m. e.t., March 21, 2003.
- Submit a sufficient upfront payment and an FCC Remittance Advice Form (FCC Form 159) by 6 p.m. e.t., April 14, 2003.
- Comply with all provisions outlined in the *Auction No. 48 Procedures Public Notice*.

vi. General Contact Information

30. The following is a list of general contact information relating to Auction No. 32.

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. e.t.

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.

Commercial Wireless Division (202) 418-0620.

Technical Support: Electronic Filing, Automated Auction System.

FCC Auctions Technical Support Hotline, (202) 414-1250 (Voice), (202) 414-1255 (TTY). Hours of service: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. e.t.

Payment Information: Wire Transfers, Refunds.

FCC Auctions Accounting Branch, (202) 418-0578 or (202) 418-0496, (202) 418-2843 (Fax).

Telephonic Bidding: Will be furnished only to qualified bidders.

FCC Copy Contractor: Additional Copies of Commission Documents.

Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. (202) 863-2893, (202) 863-2898 (Fax), qualexint@aol.com (E-mail).

Press Information: Lauren Kravetz (202) 418-7944.

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

31. Guidelines for completion of the short-form (FCC Form 175) are set forth in Attachment D of the *Auction No. 48 Procedures Public Notice*. The short-form application seeks the applicant's name and address, legal classification, status, small business bidding credit eligibility, identification of the license(s) sought, the authorized bidders and contact persons. Applicants must certify on their FCC Form 175 applications under penalty of perjury that they are legally, technically, financially and otherwise qualified to hold a license and, as discussed in section II.E (Provisions Regarding Defaulters and Former Defaulters), that they are not in default on any payment for Commission licenses (including down payments) or delinquent on any non-tax debt owed to any Federal agency.

A. License Selection

32. In Auction No. 48, Form 175 will include a mechanism that allows an applicant to filter the 10,202 licenses by paging service, frequency band, market area, and/or channel block/license suffix to create customized lists of licenses. The applicant will make

selections for one or more of 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 customized list by using the "Select All" option; select individual licenses separately from the list; or create a second customized list without selecting any of the licenses from the first list. Applicants also will be able to select licenses from one customized list and then create a second customized list to select additional licenses.

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

33. All applicants must comply with the uniform part 1 ownership disclosure standards and provide information required by §§ 1.2105 and 1.2112 of the Commission's rules. Specifically, in completing FCC Form 175, applicants will be required to file an "Exhibit A" providing a full and complete statement of the ownership of the bidding entity. The ownership disclosure standards for the short-form are set forth in § 1.2112 of the Commission's rules.

C. Consortia and Joint Bidding Arrangements (FCC Form 175 Exhibit B)

34. Applicants will be required to identify on their short-form applications any parties with whom they have entered into any consortium arrangements, joint ventures, partnerships or other agreements or understandings which relate in any way to the licenses being auctioned, including any agreements relating to post-auction market structure. Applicants will also be required to certify on their short-form applications that they have not entered into any explicit or implicit agreements, arrangements or understandings of any kind with any parties, other than those identified, regarding the amount of their bids, bidding strategies, or the particular licenses on which they will or will not bid. As discussed, if an applicant has had discussions, but has not reached a joint bidding agreement by the short-form deadline, it would not include the names of parties to the discussions on its applications and may not continue discussions with applicants after the deadline. Where applicants have entered into consortia or joint bidding arrangements, applicants must submit an "Exhibit B" to the FCC Form 175.

35. A party holding a non-controlling, attributable interest in one applicant will be permitted to acquire an ownership interest in, form a consortium with, or enter into a joint bidding arrangement with other competing applicants provided that (i)