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FCC Sponsors Forum on Wireless Communications Service *Event to Be Held February 28, 1997 at FCC Auction Site*

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will host an industry forum on the Wireless Communications Service (WCS) on Friday, February 28, 1997 at the agency's auction site located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. in Washington, D.C. WCS is a proposed new service located in the 2305-2320 and 2345-2360 MHz frequency bands (2.3 GHz). Congress has mandated that licenses for this spectrum are to be assigned by an auction beginning April 15, 1997. A final Commission decision on the WCS allocation, as well as service and auction rules, is expected soon.

In anticipation of the auction, the FCC is sponsoring the forum to facilitate discussion among potential bidders, equipment manufacturers and financial parties interested in acquiring licenses and providing service in the 2.3 GHz band. FCC staff will be on hand to explain the WCS spectrum allocation plan, as well as the service and auction rules. There will be an opportunity for interested parties to display equipment at this event on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the Auctions Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0660 by February 18, 1997 if you are interested in displaying equipment at this event. All other interested parties are also welcome to attend but must register their attendance. Please contact the Auctions Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0660 for general registration information.

The event will be video recorded, and copies of videotapes may be ordered, at no cost, from the Office of Public Affairs, telephone (202) 418-0460, TTY (202) 418-1388, facsimile (202) 418-2809. Please provide a blank T-120 minutes High Quality videotape with a request indicating the date and title of the event to be copied, to: Federal Communications Commission, Office of Public Affairs, Television Staff, Room 202, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554.

The forum's agenda and other WCS information will be posted on the Commission's internet web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/auctions.html>.

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