

Exhibits for the Auction
No. 55 Short-Form
Application and Related Issues

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Introduction

- Review of Exhibits for the short-form application (FCC Form 175).
- How the Rules and Exhibits work together.
- Provide additional helpful insights.

Notes Regarding Exhibits

- Rules listing the required information for exhibits are contained in Sections 1.2105 and 1.2112 of the Commission's Rules, and where applicable Section 1.2110.
- General guidelines are contained in Attachment D to the "Auction of 900 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio ("SMR") Service Licenses Scheduled for February 11, 2004," *Public Notice*, DA 03-3235 (rel. October 17, 2003).

Notes Regarding Exhibits

- No particular format for exhibits.
- However, exhibits must be complete.
- Refer to Section 1.2105(b) concerning modification and dismissal of applications.
 - Only minor modifications permitted (Section 1.2105(b)).
- **All applicants must include Exhibits A and D.**
- **Some applicants must include additional Exhibits -- Exhibit B (bidding agreements) or Exhibit C (bidding credit application).**

Exhibit A - Applicant Identity and Ownership Information

- Under Section 1.2105(a)(2)(ii), each applicant is required to disclose all real parties in interest.
- Real parties in interest is defined in Section 1.2112.
- List all parties having a 10 percent or greater interest in the applicant (name, address, and citizenship).
- List all FCC-regulated entities in which the applicant or its owners own a 10 percent or greater interest.

*Include a description of each entity's principal business and its relationship to the applicant.

Exhibit A (continued)

- *Corporation*: corporate name and address; and the name, title & citizenship of a responsible officer or director (Section 1.2112(a)).
- *General Partnership*: name, address & citizenship of all partners and their interest (Section 1.2112(a)(3)).
- *Limited Partnership*: name, address & citizenship of all partners whose interest is 10 percent or greater (Section 1.2112(a)(2)).

Exhibit A (continued)

- *Limited Liability Company*: name, address & citizenship of all members whose interest is ten percent or greater (Section 1.2112(a)(5)).
- *If None of the Above*: name, citizenship, title or other relation to the applicant; and address of a principal or other responsible person.

Exhibit A (continued)

- *Other Requirements:* Applicants seeking bidding credits must provide **additional** ownership information (Section 1.2112(b)).

* Names, addresses, and citizenship of all officers, directors, and other controlling interests as defined by Section 1.2110.

Exhibit B - Agreements with Other Parties and Joint Bidding Arrangements

- Anti-Collusion Rule: Unless properly disclosed, communications concerning bids, bidding strategies, or settlement agreements (including post-auction market structures) *generally* are prohibited among applicants that bid for licenses in any of the same geographic areas (Section 1.2105(c)).
- Prohibition period is between the short-form deadline and the down payment deadline (Section 1.2105(a)(2)(ix)).
- To be in compliance, applicants must certify under penalty of perjury that they have not entered and will not enter into any explicit or implicit agreements, arrangements or understandings of any kind with any parties other than those they have identified regarding the amount of their bids, bidding strategies or particular licenses on which they will or will not bid.

Exhibit B - (continued)

- For the anti-collusion rule, “applicant” includes controlling interests, ownership interests, and officers and directors.
- Applicants must identify all parties with whom they have entered into agreements of any kind relating to the licenses being auctioned, including post-auction market structure (Section 1.2105(a)(2)(viii)).
- The Anti-Collusion Rule was amended by the *Part 1 Seventh Report and Order*, FCC 01-270, (rel. September 27, 2001).

Exhibit B - (continued)

- The rule prohibits an auction applicant from discussing a competing applicant's bids or bidding strategies even if the first applicant does not discuss its own bids or bidding strategies.
- The rule requires auction applicants that make or receive a prohibited communication of bids or bidding strategies to report the communication immediately to the Commission in writing.

Exhibit C - Bidding Credit Eligibility

- Applicants can obtain a bidding credit based on their attributed average gross revenues for the last 3 years (revenues of applicant, its affiliates, its controlling interests, and affiliates of its controlling interests):

There are 2 categories of entities that are entitled to bidding credits (Section 90.814(b)(1)(i)-(ii)).

- If the applicant is a small business with average gross revenues of not more than \$15 million, the applicant is eligible to receive a 10 percent bidding credit.
- If the applicant is a small business with average gross revenues of not more than \$3 million, the applicant is eligible to receive a 15 percent bidding credit.

Exhibit D - Prior Defaulters

- A statement is required indicating whether the applicant has ever been in default on any FCC license *or* any non-tax debt owed to any Federal agency.
- For the statement, “applicant” includes applicant’s affiliates, controlling interests, and affiliates of the controlling interests.
- Statement made under penalty of perjury.

Additional Exhibits

- Exhibit E, “Information Requested on Designated Entities”

Applicants may choose to attach an exhibit regarding designated entity status.

- Exhibit F, “Miscellaneous Information”

Provide any additional information in this exhibit.

If waiver requests are filed, applicants should provide as much information as possible.

Some Last Key Points

Remember that applications will be available to the public.

- Therefore, do not list any taxpayer identification numbers (TINs) on the FCC Form 175.
- Carefully read all the FCC Form 175 certifications
 - Submission of the FCC Form 175 is a representation that its contents are true and correct.
 - You must certify that you are legally, technically, financially and otherwise qualified to participate in the auction.
 - Submission of a false certification may result in penalties.