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RURAL BROADBAND AUCTIONS TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF MOBILITY FUND PHASE II CHALLENGE PROCESS PORTAL ACCESS REQUEST FORM

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The Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force, in conjunction with the Wireline Competition Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (the Bureaus), today announces the availability of the web-based form that participants in the Mobility Fund Phase II (MF-II) challenge process must use to request access to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) challenge process portal.¹

In accordance with the procedures adopted in the *MF-II Handset and USAC Portal Access Public Notice*, any eligible mobile service provider or government entity (state, local, or Tribal) wishing to participate in the challenge process must submit its contact information via the web-based access request form to be granted access to the USAC portal.² The access request form is now available at www.fcc.gov/MF2-Challenge-Portal/form.³ The Bureaus will process submitted forms on a rolling basis and email login credentials and instructions for accessing the portal to the user(s) designated on each form.⁴ Any party wishing to receive its login credentials at the time the challenge process window opens should submit its access request form no later than March 15, 2018.⁵

¹ See *Mobility Fund Phase II Challenge Process Handsets and Access Procedures for the Challenge Process Portal*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 10372, 10375-76, paras. 7-10 (WCB/WTB 2017) (*MF-II Handset and USAC Portal Access Public Notice*). The Office of Management and Budget approved the information collection requirements related to the challenge process, including the portal access procedures adopted in the *MF-II Handset and USAC Portal Access Public Notice*, on February 7, 2018. See 83 Fed. Reg. 6562 (Feb. 14, 2018).

² *MF-II Handset and USAC Portal Access Public Notice*, 32 FCC Rcd at 10375-76, para. 8. If a consumer, organization, or business believes that its interests cannot be met through its state, local, or Tribal government entity and wishes to participate in the process as a challenger, the individual or entity may file a petition with the Commission requesting a waiver for good cause shown and must submit its contact information by email to mf2challengeprocess@fcc.gov, as part of its petition for waiver. See *Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, Order on Reconsideration and Second Report and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 6282, 6304, para. 43 n.119 (2017) (citing 47 CFR § 1.3); *MF-II Handset and USAC Portal Access Public Notice*, 32 FCC Rcd at 10376, para. 10 & n.33.

³ See *MF-II Handset and USAC Portal Access Public Notice*, 32 FCC Rcd at 10376, para. 8 (“The web page address and date by which to submit this contact information will be announced in a subsequent public notice.”). We anticipate opening the challenge window one to two weeks after the registration window closes. See generally *Comment Sought on Mobility Fund Phase II Challenge Process Procedures and Technical Implementation*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 7596, 7606, para. 28 & n.69 (WCB/WTB 2017).

⁴ See *MF-II Handset and USAC Portal Access Public Notice*, 32 FCC Rcd at 10375-76, para. 8.

⁵ Submission of the access request form does not represent a commitment or obligation to participate in the challenge process. *Id.* at 10376, para. 9.

For further information concerning how to access the USAC challenge process portal, including the web-based access request form, please email mf2challengeprocess@fcc.gov or contact Jonathan McCormack, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0660.

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