

conduct research and education, and public-interest non-profits, which use grant monies to organize, educate and represent communities with environmental concerns.

The promulgation of environmental regulations generally requires public notice and comment on proposals. EPA recipients, in applying the four factor analysis, will need to take reasonable steps to ensure limited English proficient persons have a meaningful opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. The mission of EPA and many of its recipients, in part, is to protect public health. EPA and its recipients should affirmatively develop and employ creative measures to eliminate or minimize communication barriers that interfere with the ability of LEP persons to meaningfully participate in and benefit from EPA and EPA recipient programs and activities.

Often, issuing environmental permits also requires public notice and, and when the permitting action affects LEP persons, the permit process is subject to the same kinds of language concerns that are present in the promulgation of environmental regulations. Indeed, language concerns may be at least as critical in environmental permitting because, while the development and implementation of environmental regulations, policies and programs largely concerns general programmatic standards and practices, environmental permitting typically concerns the application of those standards and practices in a specific geographic area that directly affects an immediate population or community.

Enforcing environmental laws often requires public input. Private citizens often file complaints and can be important sources of information—but only if they can communicate with the relevant authority for enforcing those laws. Another area of environmental enforcement that will often require language and translation services is the settlement of environmental cases. It is EPA policy that such settlements include the affected population or community. This is especially true where environmental settlements include the use of Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) which provide direct services, benefits or improvements to local communities.

X. Conclusion

This LEP Guidance suggests a general framework to help recipients develop a program to provide meaningful access to LEP persons and provides an idea of how EPA will evaluate recipients efforts to ensure meaningful access. The recommendations above are not

intended to be exhaustive. Recipients have considerable flexibility in determining how to comply with their Title VI legal obligation in the LEP setting, and are not required to use the suggested framework in this guidance document. However, EPA recipients should ensure meaningful access by LEP persons to their programs and activities through appropriate policies and procedures for providing language assistance to fulfill their Title VI responsibilities.

Dated: June 16, 2004.

Karen Higginbotham,

Director, Office of Civil Rights.

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EXPORT—IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Notice of a partially open meeting of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, July 1, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571

OPEN AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of Ex-Im Bank's Revised Environmental Procedures & Guidelines and the Nuclear Procedures & Guidelines.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation for Item No. 1 only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571 (Tele. No. 202-565-3957).

Peter B. Saba,
General Counsel.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

June 18, 2004.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written Paperwork Reduction (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before August 24, 2004. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to *Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at *Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0798.

Title: FCC Application for Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Radio Service Authorization.

Form No.: FCC Form 601.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, individuals or household, and State, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 250,520.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.25 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements, third party disclosure requirement, recordkeeping requirement, and other 10 years reporting requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 219,205 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$50,104,000.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: Possible Impact.

Needs and Uses: FCC Form 601 is a consolidated, multi-part application or "long form" for market-based licensing and site-by-site licensing in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's (WTB) Radio Services' Universal Licensing System (ULS).

The information is used by the Commission to determine whether the applicant is legally, technically and financially qualified to be licensed.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will begin issuing licenses for use of frequencies in the 764–776 and 794–806 MHz bands pursuant to Part 90 Subpart R.

There is no change to the estimated average burden and number of respondents at this time as it is unknown as to how additional respondents may partake in this frequency band.

OMB Control Number: 3060–1042.

Title: FCC Wireless

Telecommunications Bureau Technical Support Request Form.

Form No.: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, individuals or household, and state, local or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 25,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Total Annual Burden: 3,400 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$343,400.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: Yes.

Needs and Uses: The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau supports several processes and systems used to support their licensing and auction services. In offering this service, the public often requests help or consultation with these systems and processes. The FCC currently receives these requests via telephone, email, and the OMB approved form listed above (<http://esupport.fcc.gov/request.hmt>). This form will continue to substantially decrease public and staff burden since all the information needed to facilitate a support request will now be submitted in a standard format but be available to a wider audience. This will eliminate or at least minimize the need to follow-up with the customers to obtain all the information necessary to respond to their request. This form will also help presort requests into previously defined categories to all staff to respond more quickly.

The form is being revised to include the Bureau's entire customer base and better categorization for requests for support. This will further streamline the

FCC's processes and expedite the response on all requests for support to the Bureau within one consolidated format.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC–04–57–B; DA 04–1513]

Automated Maritime Telecommunications System Spectrum Auction Scheduled for September 15, 2004; Notice and Filing Requirements, Minimum Opening Bids, Upfront Payments and Other Auction Procedures

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the procedures and minimum opening bids for the upcoming auction of licenses in the Automated Maritime Telecommunications System ("AMTS") spectrum. This document is intended to familiarize prospective bidders with the procedures and minimum opening bids for this auction.

DATES: Auction No. 57 is scheduled for September 15, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, WTB: For legal questions: Howard Davenport at (202) 418–0660, for general auction questions: Jeff Crooks at (202) 418–0660 or Lisa Stover at (717) 338–2888. Media Contact: Lauren Patrich at (202) 418–7944.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the *Auction No. 57 Procedures Public Notice* released on May 26, 2004. The complete text of the *Auction No. 57 Procedures Public Notice*, including attachments, is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. The *Auction No. 57 Procedures Public Notice* may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. ("BCPI"), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202–488–5300, facsimile 202–488–5563, or you may contact BCPI at their Web site: <http://www.BCPIWEB.com>. This document is also available on the Internet at the

Commission's Web site: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/57/>.

I. General Information

A. Introduction

1. The *Auction No. 57 Procedures Public Notice*, announces the procedures and minimum opening bids for the upcoming auction of licenses in the AMTS spectrum scheduled for September 15, 2004 (Auction No. 57). On April 5, 2004, in accordance with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (the "Bureau") released a public notice seeking comment on reserve prices or minimum opening bids and the procedures to be used in Auction No. 57. The Bureau received two comments, three reply comments, and further comments ex parte in response to the *Auction No. 57 Comment Public Notice*, 69 FR 21110, April 20, 2004.

i. Background of Proceeding

2. The Maritime Services provide for the unique distress, operational and personal communication needs of vessels at sea and on inland waterways. AMTS is a maritime service that was established in 1981 as an alternative to VHF public coast service ("VPCS"). In the *Public Coast Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice*, 62 FR 40281, July 28, 1997, the Commission described AMTS as a specialized system of public coast stations providing integrated and interconnected marine voice and data communications, somewhat like a cellular phone system, for tugs, barges, and other commercial vessels on waterways.

3. Section 309(j)(2) of the Communications Act formerly stated that mutually exclusive applications for initial licenses or construction permits were auctionable if the principal use of the spectrum was for subscriber-based services, and competitive bidding would promote the expressed objectives of the Communications Act. The Commission concluded that the public coast service, including VPCS, high seas, and AMTS public coast stations, was a Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") and subsequently decided that mutually exclusive applications for public coast station licenses would be resolved through competitive bidding.

4. On August 5, 1997, after release of the *Public Coast Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice*, President Clinton signed into law the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 ("Balanced Budget Act"), which expanded the Commission's auction authority by amending Section 309(j) of the Communications Act to provide that all