

information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before November 16, 2000. 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 comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to [lesmith@fcc.gov](mailto:lesmith@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at [lesmith@fcc.gov](mailto:lesmith@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0816.  
**Title:** Local Competition and Broadband Reporting, CC Docket No. 99-301.

**Form Number:** FCC Report 477.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents:** 255.

**Estimate Time Per Response:** 58.67 hours (avg.).

**Frequency of Response:** Semi-annual reporting requirement.

**Total Annual Burden:** 29,924 hours.

**Total Annual Costs:** None.

**Needs and Uses:** The FCC Form 477 seeks to gather information on the development of local competition and deployment of broadband service also known as advanced telecommunications services. The data are necessary to evaluate the status of developing competition in local exchange telecommunications markets and to evaluate the status of broadband deployment. The Commission staff uses the information to advise the Commission about the efficacy of the FCC rules and policies adopted to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-XXXX.  
**Title:** Notification of Emergency Alert System Status.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, local, or tribal government.

**Number of Respondents:** 125.

**Estimate Time Per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement.

**Total Annual Burden:** 62 hours.

**Total Annual Costs:** None.

**Needs and Uses:** Due to the state's size, remoteness, and isolation, it is difficult for the resident agent of the FCC's Alaska office to make on-the-scene inspections to insure that the FM translators are in compliance with the Emergency Alert System (EAS) rules adopted on January 1, 1997. The agent is, therefore, developing a survey to determine whether the FM translators are either rebroadcasting local programming in their entirety, including the EAS warnings, or, if not, then whether the FM translator station has EAS equipment installed and working properly. FM translator stations that are not in compliance could present a safety-of-life issue to the listening public.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 00J-3]

### Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks Comment on Rural Task Force Recommendation

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** In a Public Notice in this proceeding released on October 4, 2000, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service sought comment on the Rural Task Force recommendation for universal service reform for rural carriers.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 3, 2000 and reply comments on or before November 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** See Supplementary Information section for where and how to file comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gene Fullano (202) 418-7400 TTY: (202) 418-0484.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the May 1997 *Universal Service Order*, 62 FR 32862 (June 17, 1997), the Commission, acting on the recommendation of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (the Joint Board), encouraged the Joint Board to establish a Rural Task Force to "provide valuable assistance in identifying the issues unique to rural carriers and analyzing the

appropriateness of proxy cost models for rural carriers." On September 17, 1997, the Joint Board announced the creation of the Rural Task Force and directed it to present a report to the Joint Board making specific recommendations on the establishment of a forward-looking economic cost mechanism for rural telephone companies. The Joint Board will consider this report in formulating a recommendation to the Commission for universal service reform for rural carriers.

On September 29, 2000, the Rural Task Force submitted the Rural Task Force Recommendation To The Federal-State Joint Board On Universal Service. This recommendation, as well as supporting materials, are available on the Joint Board's Web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal/service/joint.html> and the Rural Task Force's Web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/rtf>. Consistent with the procedures outlined below, the Joint Board seeks comment on the recommendation.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before November 3, 2000, and reply comments on or before November 30, 2000. All filings should reference *Federal-State Joint Board On Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Comments on the Rural Task Force Recommendation* and should include the FCC number shown on this Public Notice. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit electronic comments by Internet e-mail. To receive filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an

original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

Parties should also send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554 and to the individuals listed on the attached service list. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Dated: October 11, 2000.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**  
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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-36-C (Auction No. 36);  
DA 00-2260]

### Auction of Licenses for 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Service Frequencies in the Lower 80 Channels; Status of FCC Form 175 Applications To Participate in the Auction

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces 20 applicants whose short-form auction applications for the 800 MHz SMR Auction (Auction No. 36) are accepted for filing and instructs those applicants on upfront payment information, bidding software and other pertinent information in reference to the auction. Also, this document identifies the 19 incomplete applicants and 1 rejected applicant reported for this auction.

**DATES:** Auction No. 36 is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, November 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** M. Nicole Oden, Auctions Legal Branch at (202) 418-0660 (regarding legal questions); Linda Sanderson, Auctions Operations (regarding bidding and general filing status) at (717) 338-2888. For questions about payment or instructions for wiring upfront payments, contact Gail Glasser or Tim Dates, Auctions Accounting Group, at (202) 418-1995.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of a public notice released October 6, 2000 ("Auction No. 36 Public Notice"). The complete text of the "Auction No. 36 Public Notice," including all attachments, is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room CY-A257), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (ITS, Inc.) 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800. It is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions>. List of Attachments available at the FCC:

Attachment A—List of Accepted Applicants  
Attachment B—List of Incomplete Applicants  
Attachment C—List of Rejected Applicants

1. The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has received 40