



FCC Form 683
Application for Rural Digital Opportunity
Fund Phase I Support
Auction 904

Instructions

OMB Control No. 3060-1256

applicant's counsel or other representative is authorized to speak on its behalf. Authorizations may be sent by email to auction904@fcc.gov.

Winning Bids Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation

On the *Winning Bids ETC Designation* screen, you must identify the winning bid(s) for which you have been designated as a high-cost Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for *all* the eligible census blocks in that winning bid. Subject to the limited exception where there are multiple operating companies in a state as described in Section 5, "Divide Winning Bids Portion of FCC Form 683," the long-form applicant must be the entity that is designated as the ETC. A long-form applicant must obtain a high-cost ETC designation from either a state public utility commission pursuant to section 214(e)(2) of the Act, or, if the relevant state lacks jurisdiction over the entity, from the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Act.⁷ See the [ETC Public Notice](#) for more information on obtaining an ETC designation from the Federal Communications Commission. **A long-form applicant must have obtained its ETC designation(s) for all areas where it seeks to be authorized to receive support and submitted the required documentation prior to 6:00 p.m. ET on Monday, June 7, 2021.**

35. In the event a long-form applicant determines that it will be unable to obtain the necessary ETC designations within 180 days, it should upload a petition for waiver of the deadline to its FCC Form 683 and in AU Docket No. 20-34 at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings>. The Commission has found that it would be appropriate to waive the 180-day timeframe if the long-form applicant is able to demonstrate that it has engaged in good faith efforts to obtain an ETC designation, but the proceeding is not yet complete. A waiver of the 180-day deadline would be appropriate if, for example, an entity has an ETC application pending with a state and the state's next scheduled meeting at which it would consider the ETC application will occur after the 180-day window. When considering waivers of the 180-day timeframe for obtaining ETC designation, we will presume that an entity acted in good faith if the entity files its ETC application **within 30 days** of the release of the Auction 904 Closing Public Notice.

To identify the winning bid(s) for which the long-form applicant has been designated as a high-cost ETC, you must select the checkbox next to each such winning bid and click the **SAVE** button. **You should only select the checkbox next to the winning bid if the long-form applicant has already been designated as a high-cost ETC in all of the eligible census blocks in that winning bid.** A lifeline-only ETC designation is not sufficient. To select all the winning bids, click the **SELECT ALL ITEMS** button, and to unselect all winning bids, click the **UNSELECT ALL ITEMS** button. This winning bids and states can be sorted by any column in ascending or descending order by clicking on the column title.

To **upload the required documentation and certification letter** for the ETC designation(s), click the **Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Attachment(s)** link and the **Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Letter Attachment(s)** links on the top of the screen or go to the *Winning Bids Attachments* screen. More information about this required documentation and certification letter is described in Section 6.2, "Winning Bids Attachments" below.

If the long-form applicant has already obtained a high-cost ETC designation that covers all the relevant areas in the state by the January 29, 2021 long-form application deadline, you should submit the required ETC documentation and certification letter with the long-form application so that Commission staff can expeditiously verify the applicant's ETC status in that state. If the long-form applicant has obtained a high-cost ETC designation for only some of the relevant areas in a state, Commission staff will not verify the applicant's ETC status in a state until the applicant has submitted the required documentation and certification letter for all the areas in the state.

⁷ 47 U.S.C. §§ 214(e)(2), (6).