ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Nominations to the Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for nominations to the Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members of its Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB). The GLAB will provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator, in her capacity as Chair of the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force, on matters pertaining to Great Lakes restoration and protection. Vacancies are expected to be filled by September 2012. Sources in addition to this Federal Register Notice may be used in the solicitation of nominees.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked by July 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations electronically with the subject line “GLAB Nomination 2012” to cestaric.rita@epa.gov. You may also submit nominations by mail to: Rita Cestaric, Designated Federal Officer, US Environmental Protection Agency, Great Lakes National Program Office, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Cestaric, Designated Federal Officer, US Environmental Protection Agency, 77 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604; email address: cestaric.rita@epa.gov; telephone number: (312) 866–6815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 31, 2012, EPA published in the Federal Register a notice of intent to establish the GLAB under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463. The GLAB will provide advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator, in her capacity as Chair of the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force, on matters pertaining to Great Lakes restoration and protection. The GLAB will conduct business in accordance with FACA and related regulations.

The GLAB will be composed of approximately 15 members appointed by the EPA Administrator. In selecting members, EPA will consider candidates representing or serving as liaison to a broad range of interests across the Great Lakes, that may include, but are not limited to, environmental groups, business, agricultural groups, youth groups, foundations, environmental justice groups, academia and state, local and tribal governments. Members will be appointed for two year terms and are eligible for reappointment.

The GLAB will meet approximately two times a year. Additionally, members may be asked to participate in teleconference meetings. The average workload for members will be approximately 4 to 6 hours per month. We are unable to provide honoraria or compensation for service on the GLAB. However, you may receive travel and per diem allowances where appropriate and according to applicable federal travel regulations.

Nominations: The EPA welcomes and values diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, the agency encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups. All nominations will be fully considered, but applicants need to be aware of the specific representation sought as outlined in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section above.

Other criteria used to evaluate nominees will include:

• The background and experiences that would help members contribute to the diversity of perspectives on the GLAB (e.g., economic, social, cultural, educational background, professional affiliations and other considerations);
• Demonstrated experience with Great Lakes issues;
• Leadership experience in Great Lakes organizations, businesses and workgroups;
• Excellent interpersonal and consensus-building skills;
• Ability to volunteer time to attend approximately two in-person meetings a year, participate in teleconference meetings, attend listening sessions with senior-level federal officials, develop policy recommendations and prepare reports and letters of advice; and
• Willingness to commit time to the committee and demonstrated ability to work constructively and effectively on committees.

How to Submit Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to be considered for appointment to the GLAB. Individuals may self-nominate. Nominations can be submitted in electronic format (preferred) or in hard copy format (see ADDRESSES section above). To be considered, nominations should include:

• Current contact information for the nominee, including the nominee’s name, organization (and position within that organization), current business address, email address and daytime phone number;
• Brief statement describing the nominee’s interest in serving on the GLAB;
• Resume and a short biography (no more than two paragraphs) describing the professional and educational qualifications of the nominee, including a list of relevant activities and any current or previous service on advisory committees; and
• Letter(s) of recommendation from a third party supporting the nomination. Letter(s) should describe how the nominee’s experience and knowledge will bring value to the work of the GLAB.

To help the Agency in evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please tell us how you learned of this opportunity.


Susan Hedman,
Great Lakes National Program Manager.

1. The Auction 901 Data Files Public Notice announces the availability of certain files that have been updated to conform to decisions previously announced by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureaus). In the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice, 77 FR 32092, May 31, 2012, the Bureaus described how they identified census blocks eligible for the Mobility Fund Phase I support to be offered in Auction 901. With the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice, the Bureaus released Attachment A, a summary of the final list of eligible census blocks, and they concurrently provided more detailed Attachment A files in electronic format only. Subsequent to the release of the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice, the Bureaus provided updates to some of the Attachment A files in two public notices. The Bureaus have since found that they need to correct some of these files to accurately reflect the determinations made in the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice. Accordingly, the Bureaus are releasing a new Attachment A to replace the one released with the Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice, and they are updating some of the corresponding Attachment A files.

2. The files for which the Bureaus now announce updates are available via the link for Attachment A files at http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/901/. Specifically, the All Eligible Census Blocks file; the Biddable Items file; and the state spreadsheet files for Maryland, Oklahoma, and Nevada have been updated. Interested parties should use these files instead of previously-released versions.

3. Concurrent with the release of Auction 901 Procedures Public Notice, the Bureaus released an interactive map of the eligible census blocks. The map is a visual representation of data from the Attachment A files, which contain more information and generally more detail than is displayed on the map. The Bureaus subsequently released geographic information system (GIS) formats of the data shown in the interactive map. The interactive map and the related GIS data formats will be updated in the near future to match the corrections in the Attachment A files. Once updated, the link for the map and each of the GIS data links will be displayed with a notation of when they were updated.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WC Docket Nos. 10–90 and 05–337; DA 12–911]

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on Model Design and Data Inputs for Phase II of the Connect America Fund

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on a number of threshold decisions regarding the design of and data inputs to the forward looking cost model, and on other assumptions in the cost models currently in the record.

DATES: Comments are due on or before July 9, 2012 and reply comments are due on or before July 23, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may file comments on or before July 9, 2012 and reply comments on or before July 23, 2012. All pleadings are to reference WC Docket Nos. 10–90 and 05–337. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies, by any of the following methods:

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/
- Paper Filers: 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, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

- People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (tty).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Burmeister, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418–7389 or TTY (202) 418–0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission’s Public Notice in WC Docket Nos. 10–90, 05–337; DA 12–911, released June 8, 2012. The complete text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. The document may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street SW., Room CY–B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone (800) 387–3160 or (202) 863–2893, facsimile (202) 863–2898, or via the Internet at http://wirewebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/leaving.cgi?from=leavingFR.html&log=fcc504@fcc.gov&leaving.cgi?from=leavingFR.html&log=fcc504@fcc.gov&leaving.cgi?from=leavingFR.html&log=fcc504@fcc.gov

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I. Introduction

1. In the Public Notice (Notice), the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) identifies several significant threshold model design decisions and seeks comment on specific proposals for the design of the model and data inputs to be used. This is not an exhaustive list of such issues, but represents the next step in the open, deliberative process to determine the design of the model the Bureau will ultimately adopt. The Bureau also seeks comment on commenters’ identification of additional issues that need to be developed in the record of this proceeding.

2. The Notice first seeks comment on what wireline network technology and design the model should use to calculate costs. This question includes the important threshold matters of whether the model should presume green-field or brown-field deployment and whether the model should estimate the costs of Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) or Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) (including Fiber-to-the-Node (FTTN)) technology. Closely related is the question of what terminal value to assign to the modeled network—book