

PARTICIPATING IN THE FCC MOCK AUCTION

This attachment describes how to download and install the FCC Mock Bidding Software for qualified bidders who wish to participate in the FCC Mock Auction. It also describes how to monitor the Mock Auction.

Conventions

The instructions in this section use the following typographical conventions:

bold Represents objects on the screen that you click with the mouse pointer, including buttons, Internet links, icons, tabs, menu items (e.g., **Cancel** button, **Auctions** link, **Save** option in the File menu).

italic Represents field names or areas of a screen (e.g., *Location* field, *Selected Licenses* area of a screen).

bold italic Represents characters that you must type exactly as they appear in the instructions. For example, if you are instructed to type ***http://wtbwww01.fcc.gov***, you should type all of the characters shown in bold italic exactly as they are printed.

SMALL CAPS Represents keys on the keyboard (e.g., ENTER, CTRL, ESC).

Note: Throughout these instructions, “enter” means to type the appropriate information and then press the ENTER key.

A. Minimum Hardware and Software Requirements

Qualified bidders who want to participate in the FCC Mock Auction will need, at a minimum, the following hardware and software:

1. Hardware Requirements

- CPU: Intel® Pentium
- RAM: 16 MB (more recommended if you have multiple applications open)
- Hard Disk: 33 MB available disk space
- Modem: 28.8 Kbps Hayes© compatible mode (recommend 56.6 Kbps)
- Monitor: VGA or above
- Mouse or other pointing device

2. Software Requirements

- Microsoft® Windows 95™ or 98™
- FCC Mock Bidding Software, available through the Internet
- Netscape® Communicator™ 4.73 is recommended. However, you can also use Netscape Communicator 4.5, 4.51, 4.61, 4.7, or 4.72 (Internet web browser software).

Note: To download Netscape Communicator 4.73 free of charge, access the Netscape download site at <http://home.netscape.com/download/>

Note: The FCC Mock Bidding Software has not been tested in a Macintosh, OS/2, or Windows NT™ environment. Therefore, the FCC will not support operating systems other than Microsoft Windows 95 or 98. This includes any other emulated Windows environment.

B. Downloading the FCC Mock Bidding Software

FCC Mock Auction participants must first download the FCC Mock Bidding Software from the Internet. Participants must download the *mock80.exe* compressed file to install the software.

You may use your Web browser to download the compressed files from *wtbwww01.fcc.gov*, *wtbwww13.fcc.gov*, or *www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions/*, as described in the following section.

1. Downloading from *wtbwww01.fcc.gov* or *wtbwww13.fcc.gov*

1. Connect to your Internet service provider and start your Web browser.
2. Enter the following location: *wtbwww01.fcc.gov* or *wtbwww13.fcc.gov*
3. Click **Mock**
4. Click **Programs**
5. Download the following file: *mock80.exe*

2. Downloading from *www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions/*

1. Connect to your Internet service provider and start your Web browser.
2. Enter the following location: *http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions/*
3. In the Auctions section to the right, click **Blanco Texas Broadcast (#80)** under *Future Auctions*
4. Click **Mock Auction Software**

5. Download the following file: *mock80.exe*

C. Extracting and Installing the FCC Mock Bidding Software

The FCC Mock Bidding Software file is downloaded in a self-extracting, compressed file format. Before installing the FCC Mock Bidding Software for Auction 80, **you must uninstall any mock or remote bidding software that was installed on your computer before Auction 80.**

After you have downloaded the compressed file for the FCC Mock Bidding Software, you must extract the software from that file. To extract the software, follow these steps:

1. Start Windows Explorer and open the file folder where you downloaded the files.
2. Double-click **mock80.exe**.
3. Follow the instructions that display on your screen.
4. At the system prompt to reboot, leave **Yes** (the default) selected and click **Finish**.

After the FCC Mock Bidding Software has been installed, you will have a new Program group called *FCC Remote Bidding System* with an **Mock 80 Bidding Software** option in the drop down list. You will also see two icons on your desktop, labeled **Mock 80 Bidding Software** and **Mock 80 Dial-Up Connection**.

D. Connecting To the FCC Network

Before running the FCC Mock Bidding Software, you must connect to the FCC Network via the FCC Auctions 800#. For details about connecting to the FCC Network, refer to the attachment titled *Accessing the FCC Network Using Windows 95/98*.

E. Starting the Mock Bidding Software

You may start the FCC Mock Bidding Software by double-clicking the **Mock 80 Bidding Software** icon on your desktop.

Note: Although this is Auction 80 (Blanco, Texas), the auction ID used in the Mock Auction is 74.

F. Tracking the FCC Mock Auction

Mock Auction round results and announcement files will be posted on the FCC Internet in the same location as the auction results. The directory structure for the mock auction will be as follows:

On the primary location, *wtbwww01.fcc.gov*:

- <http://wtbwww01.fcc.gov/Mock/Results/dbf/>

- <http://wtbwww01.fcc.gov/Mock/Results/mdb/>
- <http://wtbwww01.fcc.gov/Mock/Results/txt/>

For information about the format of these files, refer to the attachment titled *How to Monitor the FCC Auctions On-Line*.

If you cannot access the files at the preceding primary location, you can access the same files at either of the following secondary locations: *wtbwww13.fcc.gov* or *www.fcc.gov/wtb/auctions/*.

G. Uninstalling the FCC Mock Bidding Software

To uninstall the FCC Mock Bidding Software:

1. Double-click the **Mock 80 Bidding Software Uninstall** icon in the *FCC Remote Bidding System* program group.

To see the *Programs* list, click the **Start** button, highlight **Programs**, then highlight **FCC Remote Bidding System**.

2. When the *Remove Shared Files?* dialog box appears, click **NO to All**, so you preserve files that are shared with the FCC Remote Bidding Software for Auction 80.
3. When the process has completed, click **OK**.

Important: If the Mock Bidding Software and the Remote Bidding Software for Auction 80 are both installed on your computer, it is very important that you click **NO to All** when the FCC Mock Bidding Software Uninstall program displays the *Remove Shared Files?* dialog box. Otherwise, the uninstall will delete shared program files and you will need to re-install the Remote Bidding Software for Auction 80.

H. Help

For technical assistance with installing or using FCC software, contact the FCC Technical Support Hotline at (202) 414-1250 (V) or (202) 414-1255 (TTY). The FCC Technical Support Hotline is generally available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET, Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET, and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. ET. *All calls to the FCC Technical Support Hotline are recorded.*