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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF DBS AUCTION

This Public Notice announces the winners of the Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) auction held from January 24, 1996, to January 26, 1996, and sets forth information regarding post-auction application and payment procedures.

Winning bidders. The winning bidder for the construction permit for use of 28 channels at the 110° W.L. orbital location is MCI Telecommunications Corporation. The winning bidder for the construction permit for use of 24 channels at the 148° W.L. orbital location is EchoStar DBS Corporation.

<u>Post-auction procedures</u>. Winning bidders are required to submit a down payment to the Commission in an amount sufficient to bring their total deposits up to 20 percent of their winning bids within ten business days of the announcement of winning bidders. Both winning bidders have met this requirement. MCI Telecommunications Corporation has submitted sufficient funds in addition to its upfront payment to meet its down payment obligation. The upfront payment submitted by EchoStar DBS Corporation is sufficient to meet its down payment obligation.

Each winning bidder in the DBS auction is required to submit, as its "long-form application," the information described in 47 C.F.R. §§ 100.13, 100.21, and 100.51 and other required information within 30 days of this Public Notice. See 47 C.F.R. § 100.77; see also 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2107 and 100.79(c). Within 30 days after the Commission gives public notice that a long-form application is accepted for filing, petitions to deny that application may be filed. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.2108. Each winning bidder is required to pay the balance of its winning bid in a lump sum payment within five business days following Public Notice that the construction permit is ready for grant. See 47 C.F.R. § 100.78.

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