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## THE WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENTS ON THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

**CC Docket No. 92-237** 

**CC Docket No. 99-200** 

**Pleading Cycle Established** 

**COMMENTS DUE: July 2, 2002** 

**REPLY COMMENTS DUE: July 9, 2002** 

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the technical requirements that will be used in preparing the solicitation for the North American Numbering Plan Administrator's (NANPA) next term of administration. The NANPA is the impartial numbering administrator responsible for making telecommunications numbers available on an equitable basis.<sup>1</sup>

The entity selected to serve as the NANPA will be expected to manage the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) resources in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) based contract.<sup>2</sup> The North American Numbering Council (NANC), a federal advisory committee on numbering matters, developed and forwarded proposed technical requirements to the Chief of the Bureau for consideration in the NANPA solicitation.<sup>3</sup> The Bureau has reviewed the NANC proposal, and has made some modifications to it. It is anticipated that the technical requirements will provide a Statement of Work in the solicitation for the NANPA. Therefore, we seek comment on the attached technical requirements. The NANC's technical requirements document, as modified, does not, however, reflect a position of the Commission in any way as to the final technical requirements or contract

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. §251(e). *See also* 47 C.F.R. § 52.13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The FAR is Chapter 48 of the C.F.R. The FAR governs the acquisition by contract of supplies and services for the use of the Federal Government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See letter from Robert C. Atkinson to Dorothy Attwood dated January 25, 2002.

terms for the anticipated solicitation. The final contract terms and conditions will be based on the requirements of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

The Technical Requirements Document is attached and can also be accessed through the Commission's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) search via the Internet at <a href="http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/SilverStream/Pages/edocs.html">http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/SilverStream/Pages/edocs.html</a>. When using EDOCS, insert the DA number from the top of this item in the appropriate field and hit the query button. We ask that comments specifically address whether the technical requirements are sufficiently detailed, comprehensive, and clear, and whether they adequately describe the duties and scope of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator's responsibilities.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, comments from interested parties are due on or before **July 2, 2002** and reply comments from interested parties are due on or before **July 9, 2002**. 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 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). All comments must reference **CC Docket No. 92-237 and CC Docket No. 99-200**. If filing paper copies, send an original and four copies to the Commission Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554 and three copies to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 5-B540, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html">http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html</a>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to 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. After filing your comments electronically, please notify Sheryl Todd at <a href="mailto:stodd@fcc.gov">stodd@fcc.gov</a> that comments have been filed.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

This is a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules. See generally, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. As a "permit but disclose" proceeding, ex

parte presentations will be governed by the procedures set forth in section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules applicable to non-restricted proceedings. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2). Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) as well.

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