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## NEW APPLICATION SEARCH FOR MDS/ITFS DATA TO BE PRESENTED ON AUGUST 13, 2003

A Public Forum will be held on August 13, 2003 to present the new application search interfaces that will be available for the public to access Multipoint Distribution Service/Instructional Television Fixed Service (MDS/ITFS) Application data

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) will conduct a public forum in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, August 13, 2003, 10 A.M.- 12 P.M to present the new application search for public access. The forum will take place in Room 4-B-516 on the 4th Floor of the Portals II building, 445 Twelfth Street, S. W. In order to ensure that adequate meeting space is provided for this event, WTB is requesting that interested parties preregister by August 11, 2003.

## **New Application Search**

WTB has undertaken a multi-phased approach to the integration of the Broadband Licensing System (BLS) into the Universal Licensing System (ULS). The first phase included the confirmation of the accuracy and completeness of all information contained in BLS. The second phase provided for a new online License Search of MDS/ITFS data in a format similar to ULS. These searches provided data from the transitional ULS database for MDS/ITFS, the repository of all current License records for MDS/ITFS services

This phase provides for the query and retrieval of application data. The transitional ULS database has been augmented to include MDS/ITFS applications with purposes of New, Amendment and Modification in a Pending status on or after August 1, 2003.

Electronic filing for sites licensed in the Multipoint Distribution Service and the Instructional Television Fixed Service remains suspended until further notice.<sup>2</sup> All application filings for MDS and ITFS must be submitted to the Commission in paper format for these services. The Commission will post a Public Notice when electronic filing is available for these services.

## Registration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See New Searches for MDS/ITFS Data to be Presented Public Notice, DA 03-645 (WTB rel Mar 6,2003)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Suspends Electronic Filing for the BroadBand Licensing System on October 11, 2002, *Public Notice*, DA 02-2422 (WTB PSPWD rel Sept 27, 2002)

To register for the WTB Public Forum, please contact Patrick Thomas by email at Patrick. Thomas@fcc.gov, or by phone at 202-216-4067, by August 11, 2003. If registering by e-mail, the subject line of the email should state "WTB Public Forum." Please provide your name, organization, telephone number, and e-mail address. We will confirm your registration by return email.

## **Contact Information for MDS/ITFS Content-Related Questions**

For all inquires relating to MDS or ITFS licensing and service rules, contact the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0680. Contact the Help Desk at (888) 225-5322 and select option 2 for questions related to data in the transitional ULS MDS/ITFS database, or general questions about this Public Notice.