WTB & SPECTRUM ACCESS OVERVIEW

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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB)

- Second largest FCC Bureau
- Develops and administers U.S. wireless telecommunications programs and policies
- Key WTB roles and responsibilities:
 - Executes FCC's spectrum auction authority
 - Licenses and oversees U.S. commercial wireless services
 - Provides analysis of wireless industry competition
 - Develops IT tools and resources for license and spectrum management
- Some major WTB policy objectives:
 - Facilitate the introduction of new and innovative services
 - Maximize the efficient use of spectrum
 - Foster wireless competition

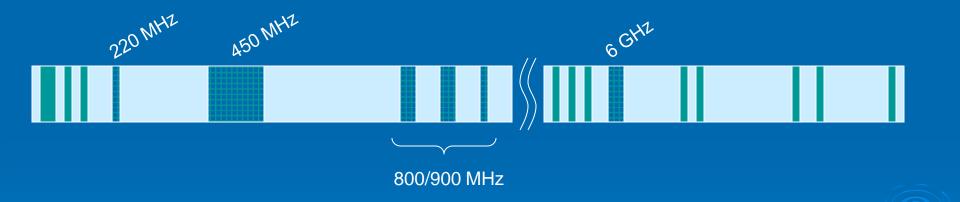


Overview of WTB Organization

- WTB is divided into an Office of the Bureau Chief and five functional divisions
- Auctions & Spectrum Access: designs and implements spectrum auctions
- Broadband: facilitates rapid deployment of advanced wireless broadband
- Mobility: licenses and provides oversight of U.S. mobile wireless services
- Spectrum & Competition Policy: formulates procompetitive wireless telecommunications policies
- SMaRT: develops and manages IT tools and resources
- Extensive collaboration across divisions and bureaus



Spectrum Bands Licensed by Utilities



Auctions

Secondary markets

- Frequency coordinators
- Application process
- Timing
- License terms and conditions



Auctions

Secondary markets

- Usually geographic area licenses
- Auctions scheduled 6 months in advance
- Bidding credits
- High bidder applies for license
- Application process
- Timing
- License terms and conditions
- Partitioning, disaggregation, leasing



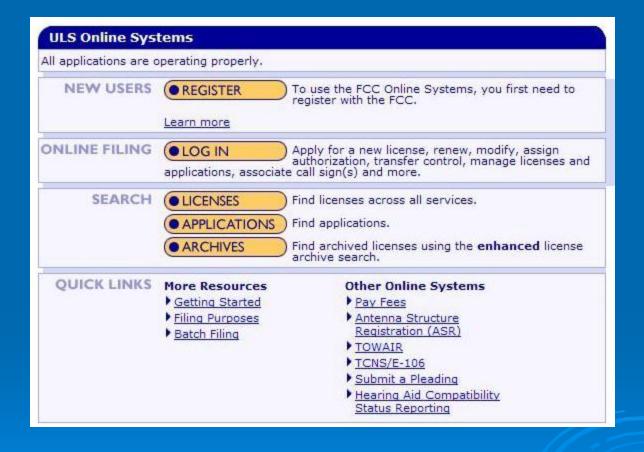
Auctions

Secondary markets

- Who holds licenses in an area?
- FCC tools
 - Universal Licensing System
 - Spectrum Dashboard
- Sale, partitioning, disaggregation, lease
- Parties define terms of transaction
- Application process
- Timing

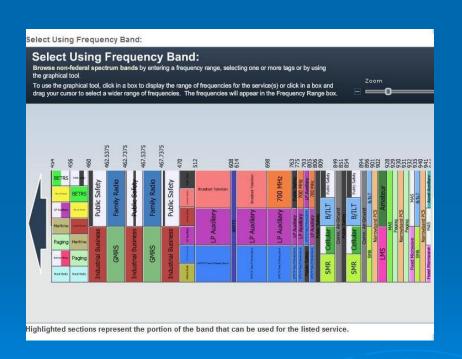


Universal Licensing System





Spectrum Dashboard







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