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ISSUE ALERT

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Auction of Broadband Radio Licenses Scheduled for October

The FCC has scheduled Auction 86 of Broadband Radio Service licenses to begin on October 27, 2009. The auction includes 75 licenses that have been made available as a result of cancellation by the FCC of previously issued licenses, and not all parts of the country are covered.

The licenses provide 76.5 MHz of spectrum in the 2.5 to 2.7 GHz frequency range, and cover Basic Trading Area (BTA) markets. Significant portions of some of the licenses are unavailable, though, because of previously issued licenses covering parts of the market areas. A list of the available licenses, including an estimate of what portion of the market is unavailable, and the minimum opening bid, may be found on the FCC site at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-09-1376A2.pdf.

The spectrum may be used for a variety of fixed, portable, and mobile services, including high-speed broadband services (such as internet access), video programming, and cellularized communication services.

The auction schedule is as follows:

Application Filing Window Opens...	August 5, 2009; 12:00 noon ET
Application Deadline.....	August 18, 2009; prior to 6:00 p.m. ET
Upfront Payments.....	September 24, 2009; 6:00 p.m. ET
Auction Begins.....	October 27, 2009

If you would like assistance with participation in this auction, or want additional information, please call your GVNW consultant or any of the GVNW offices listed on this page.

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