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CAF Phase II Auction *Final Eligible Areas*

The FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) [released](#) the final list of areas eligible for support in the upcoming Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II competitive auction (Auction 903). This final list contains the census blocks and census blocks groups that will be the basis of the CAF Phase II auction, and includes those areas in price cap carrier study areas where the offer of statewide support was declined. There are also a number of other areas (such as extremely high cost census blocks) included, a list of which is contained in the Public Notice.

According to the Public Notice, the final list of eligible areas is to be released at least months prior to the deadline for the submission of short form (pre-auction) applications for Auction 903. Still to come is the *Auction Procedures Public Notice* that will finalize the auction rules and procedures, including the minimum geographic area for bidding (expected to be at the census block group level) and auction structure (expected to be a competitive descending clock auction).

We are currently reviewing the final list of eligible areas to identify changes made to the initial list released in August 2016. One of the items we will be checking is ensuring the RoR census blocks listed in the June 8, 2017 [Public Notice](#) are properly excluded from the upcoming auction (see July 7, 2017 [Alexicon comments](#) for specific census blocks).

Please let us know if you have any questions.



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Questions? Comments?

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