

Alaska. EPA is extending the nomination period by one week, in response to requests from stakeholders and the public.

**DATES:** The nomination period will be extended by one week and will end March 16, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations of potential members of the Bristol Bay Assessment peer review panel are being accepted and evaluated by an independent EPA contractor. Nominations are being accepted online through an internet Web site, by U.S. Postal mail, or by an overnight/priority mail service. Those interested in submitting nominations online should complete the form found at <http://www.versar.com/epa/bristolbaynominationform.html>. Mailed nominations should be addressed to the EPA contractor, Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA 22151, should reference Bristol Bay Nomination Form, and should include all nominee information outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. Mailed submissions must be received by March 16, 2012. Questions concerning the online form should be directed to the EPA contractor, Versar, Inc., at 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA 22151; by email [bcolon@versar.com](mailto:bcolon@versar.com) (subject line: Bristol Bay Assessment Nomination Form); or by phone: (703) 642-6727 (ask for Betzy Colon, the Peer Review Coordinator).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information concerning the Bristol Bay Assessment peer review panel nominations, contact Dr. Kate Schofield, Office of Research and Development, The National Center for Environmental Assessment. Telephone: 703-347-8533; or email: [schofield.kate@epa.gov](mailto:schofield.kate@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed provides habitat for one of the largest wild salmon populations in the world. In February 2011, EPA began a scientific assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed to understand how large-scale mining activities might affect water quality and habitat. EPA will focus primarily on the Kvichak and Nushagak River drainages, the primary areas in the watershed open to large-scale development.

This assessment was launched in response to concerns from federally recognized tribes and others, who petitioned the agency to evaluate potential impacts of large-scale mining on aquatic resources. The assessment will evaluate the potential for large-scale mining development to have adverse effects on salmon and resident fish populations of the Kvichak and Nushagak River drainages, and if these

effects are likely to affect wildlife and human populations in the region. Additional information describing the assessment, progress to date, and status can be found at: [www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay).

**Expertise Sought:** EPA is seeking nominations of experts to serve on the external peer review panel for the Bristol Bay Assessment. Nominees should possess, and demonstrate, background knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas: (1) Metals (particularly porphyry copper) mining, (2) salmon fisheries biology, (3) surface, subsurface, or watershed hydrology, (4) aquatic ecology, (5) biogeochemistry, (6) seismology, (7) ecotoxicology, (8) wildlife ecology, and/or (9) indigenous Alaskan cultures.

**Selection Criteria:** Selection criteria for members of the external review panel include the following: (1) Demonstrated expertise through relevant peer reviewed publications; (2) professional accomplishments, and recognition by professional societies; (3) demonstrated ability to work constructively and effectively in a committee setting; (4) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (5) no actual conflicts of interest or the appearance of bias; (6) willingness to commit adequate time for the thorough review of the assessment report commencing in late April 2012; and (7) availability to participate in-person in a peer review panel meeting in Anchorage, Alaska during August 2012.

**Nominee Information:** Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to be considered for appointment to the peer review panel. Self-nominations will also be accepted. Nominations may be submitted either online using the following URL: <http://www.versar.com/epa/bristolbaynominationform.html> or by mail to the EPA contractor listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. The following information should be provided on the nomination form/mail-in documentation: (1) Contact information for the person making the nomination; (2) contact information for the nominee; (3) the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; (4) the nominee's curriculum vita; (5) and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, past and current research activities, and recent service on other advisory committees or professional organizations. Persons having questions about the nomination procedures should contact the designated contact above.

**Notification of nominees:** EPA's contractor, Versar, Inc., will notify candidates of selection or non-selection. The Contractor may add additional experts to the list of nominees to develop a balanced panel representing the expertise needed to fully evaluate EPA's draft assessment report. After the peer review panel has been finalized, a list of panel members will be posted on the project Web site at [www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay). Compensation of non-federal peer review panel members will be provided by EPA's contractor.

**Authority:** Clean Water Act Section 404.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

**Darrel A. Winner,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[WC Docket No. 09-197; WT Docket No. 10-208; AU Docket No. 12-25; DA 12-271]

### Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation for Participation in Mobility Fund Phase I

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus describe the process and requirements for applicants seeking Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Designation from the Commission for participation in Mobility Fund Phase I Auction 901.

**ADDRESSES:** All petitions to be designated an ETC must reference WC Docket No. 09-197. In addition, petitions to be designated for purposes of participation in Auction 901 must reference WT Docket No. 10-208 and AU Docket No. 12-25. The Wireless Telecommunications and Wireline Competition Bureaus strongly encourage interested parties to file petitions electronically, and request that an additional copy of all petitions be submitted electronically to the following address: [auction901@fcc.gov](mailto:auction901@fcc.gov). Petitions may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.

**Electronic Filers:** Petitions may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

■ **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

■ Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

■ All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St. SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. The filing hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. 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, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

■ **People with Disabilities:** To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty).

**Additional Filings.** In addition:

■ One copy of each petition must be sent to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, [www.bcpweb.com](http://www.bcpweb.com); phone: (202) 488-5300 fax: (202) 488-5563.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division* concerning Auction 901 (ETC) please call Erik Salovaara at (202) 418-0660.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the *Auction 901 ETC Public Notice* released on February 24, 2012. The complete text of the *Auction 901 ETC Public Notice*, including an attachment and related Commission documents, is available for public inspection and copying from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) Monday through Thursday or from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET on Fridays in the FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-A257,

Washington, DC 20554. The *Auction 901 ETC Public Notice* and related Commission documents also may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-488-5300, fax 202-488-5563, or you may contact BCPI at its Web site: <http://www.bcpweb.com>. When ordering documents from BCPI, please provide the appropriate FCC document number, for example, DA 12-271. The *Auction 901 ETC Public Notice* and related documents also are available on the Internet at the Commission's Web site: <http://wireless.fcc.gov>, or by using the search function for Dockets, AU 12-25, WC 09-197 and WT 10-208 on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.

1. Any party that wishes to participate in Auction 901 for Connect America Fund (CAF) Mobility Fund Phase I support must be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in any geographic area for which it seeks such support, with one exception for Tribal entities. Under the exception, a Tribally-owned or controlled entity may participate with respect to its Tribal lands, if prior to filing an application, it has a pending petition but has not yet been designated as an ETC for the relevant Tribal lands. An entity covered by this exception must be designated as an ETC before it may receive Mobility Fund Phase I support. Interested parties should ascertain whether they have the necessary ETC designation or need to seek such designation. Common carriers subject to the jurisdiction of a state in which they seek designation should petition that state's commission for designation as an ETC to provide voice service. Common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of the relevant state commission should petition the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) for designation as an ETC.

2. Auction 901 is scheduled to begin on September 27, 2012. Any party that wishes to participate in Auction 901 with respect to an area for which it is not already designated an ETC should initiate the designation process as soon as possible to increase the likelihood that the process will be completed prior to the deadline for submitting an application for Auction 901. The deadline for applications to participate in Auction 901 will be set when the Bureaus release a public notice announcing procedures for the auction. Auction applications in spectrum license auctions typically must be filed

two to three months prior to the start of an auction.

3. The *Auction 90 ETC Public Notice* describes the Commission's designation process, including the requirements for seeking ETC designation from the Commission. Parties should refer to relevant Commission rules and orders to ensure that they meet all the requirements for ETC designation. To the extent that any part of the descriptive overview in the *Auction 901 ETC Public Notice* may be construed to be inconsistent with the terms of the Commission's orders or rules, the orders and rules govern. The Bureaus provide information on how to facilitate petitions by any party wishing to seek designation as an ETC prior to applying for Auction 901. A party's designation as an ETC may be conditioned upon the party winning support from the Mobility Fund in Auction 901. A current ETC that meets all other applicable requirements may participate in Auction 901 with respect to areas within its current ETC service area without petitioning for any change to its ETC status.

4. A party that seeks an ETC designation from the Commission must certify compliance with certain threshold conditions in order for its petition to be considered. More specifically, an ETC petition to the Commission must contain the following: (1) A certification and brief statement of supporting facts demonstrating that the petitioner is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state commission; (2) a certification that the petitioner offers or intends to offer all services designated for support by the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(c); (3) a certification that the petitioner offers or intends to offer the supported services either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services; (4) a description of how the petitioner advertises the availability of supported services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution; and (5) a detailed description of the geographic service area for which the petitioner requests an ETC designation from the Commission. Petitioners also must certify that neither the petitioner nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits, including Commission benefits, pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, as implemented in 47 CFR 1.2002.

5. ETCs must satisfy various service obligations, consistent with the public interest. A party petitioning for designation as an ETC therefore must also: (1) Certify that it will comply with the service requirements applicable to

the support that it receives; (2) submit a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to the applicant's network throughout its proposed service area, with an estimate of the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements; (3) demonstrate how it will remain functional in emergency situations; and (4) demonstrate that it will satisfy consumer protection and service quality standards.

6. Certain additional requirements apply for parties seeking ETC designation for a service area that includes an area served by a rural telephone company. In such cases, the party's service area will be the rural telephone company's study area unless and until the Commission and the relevant State establish a different definition of the study area, after taking into account factors established by a Federal State Joint Board instituted under the Communications Act. A petitioner seeking designation for a service area that includes, but is not the same as, a rural telephone company's service area must request redefinition. If the Commission grants redefinition, it will then seek agreement from the state commission with jurisdiction over the

rural telephone company, even if the petitioner itself is not subject to that state commission's jurisdiction.

7. *Pleading Cycle.* Consistent with existing Commission procedures regarding designation of eligible telecommunications carriers, upon receipt of a petition for designation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(6) in connection with Phase I of the Mobility Fund, the Commission will issue a public notice establishing a pleading cycle.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Gary D. Michaels,**

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Update to Notice of Financial Institutions for Which the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has Been Appointed Either Receiver, Liquidator, or Manager

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

#### INSTITUTIONS IN LIQUIDATION

[In alphabetical order]

| FDIC Ref. No. | Bank name                     | City               | State | Date closed |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|
| 10426 .....   | Central Bank of Georgia ..... | Ellaville .....    | GA    | 2/24/2012   |
| 10427 .....   | Home Savings of America ..... | Little Falls ..... | MN    | 2/24/2012   |

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## FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL

[Docket No. AS12-04]

### Appraisal Subcommittee Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

*Description:* In accordance with Section 1104(b) of Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) will meet in closed session:

*Location:* OCC—250 E Street SW., Room 8C, Washington, DC 20219.

*Date:* March 14, 2012.

*Time:* Immediately following the ASC open session.

*Status:* Closed.

*Matters To Be Considered:*

February 8, 2012 minutes—Closed Session.

Preliminary discussion of State Compliance Reviews.

*Dated:* March 2, 2012.

**James R. Park,**

*Executive Director.*

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## FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL

[Docket No. AS12-03]

### Appraisal Subcommittee Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

**ACTION:** Update listing of financial institutions in liquidation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Corporation) has been appointed the sole receiver for the following financial institutions effective as of the Date Closed as indicated in the listing. This list (as updated from time to time in the **Federal Register**) may be relied upon as "of record" notice that the Corporation has been appointed receiver for purposes of the statement of policy published in the July 2, 1992 issue of the **Federal Register** (57 FR 29491). For further information concerning the identification of any institutions which have been placed in liquidation, please visit the Corporation Web site at [www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/banklist.html](http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/banklist.html) or contact the Manager of Receivership Oversight in the appropriate service center.

*Dated:* February 27, 2012.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

**Pamela Johnson,**

*Regulatory Editing Specialist.*

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

*Description:* In accordance with Section 1104(b) of Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) will meet in open session for its regular meeting:

*Location:* OCC—250 E Street SW., Room 8C, Washington, DC 20219.

*Date:* March 14, 2012.

*Time:* 10:30 a.m.

*Status:* Open.

*Matters To Be Considered:*

*Summary Agenda:*

February 8, 2012 minutes—Open Session.

(No substantive discussion of the above items is anticipated. These matters will be resolved with a single vote unless a member of the ASC requests that an item be moved to the discussion agenda.)

*Discussion Agenda:*