

CAF II Auction Application Window Opens March 19

FCC Hosts Application Workshop March 14 and Other Resources

The Connect America Fund Phase II Reverse Auction (Auction 903) short-form application filing window opens March 19 and will remain open through March 30. The auction will allocate \$1.98 billion (\$198 million annually over 10 years) to bring broadband to unserved communities across America. With the deadline rapidly approaching, NRECA is redistributing information essential for cooperatives interested in participating in the auction.

The Federal Communications Commission stated that the actual short-form application is not expected to be released until the filing window opens March 19. However, they are providing instructions and information.

APPLICATION WORKSHOP: The FCC will hold an application workshop from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Eastern time) Wednesday, March 14**. The workshop will be webcast live at <https://www.fcc.gov/live>. It will also be archived and available for viewing at your convenience. See the workshop [agenda](#) and the March 14 workshop [notice](#).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: On March 8, the FCC's Rural Broadband Auctions Task Force released [instructions](#) for completing the short-form application (FCC Form 183) for entities seeking to participate in the Connect America Fund Phase II auction. The instructions are available on the Connect America Fund Phase II Auction (Auction 903) main [website](#) under the "Education" tab, where they will remain available and accessible for reference.

Additional information on what is required for the form can be found in the CAF-II Auction [Procedures Public Notice](#).

If any potential applicants have specific questions, you can email them to the FCC at auction903@fcc.gov and an FCC staffer will respond.

The materials from NRECA's February 16 **Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II – The Rules of the Road** webinar are available on [Cooperative.com](#).

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