

# PUBLIC SAFETY SPECTRUM TRUST

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## **Public Safety Spectrum Trust Files with FCC for Public Safety Broadband License**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – October 10, 2007** – Today, the Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corporation (PSST) filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) seeking to be named the Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL). The PSST's filing responded to guidelines established by an FCC Public Notice soliciting PSBL applicants according to specific criteria. The PSBL will hold a spectrum license for 12 MHz of spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band, designated for Public Safety wireless broadband use. 2 MHz of this spectrum likely will be reserved for guard band purposes to prevent interference with and to adjacent frequencies that will be licensed for Public Safety narrowband voice and data applications.

According to the FCC's Second Report & Order on the 700 MHz band, 10 MHz of the spectrum held by the PSBL will be combined with an adjacent 10 MHz of spectrum to be licensed to the commercial winner of the upper 700 MHz D Block auction. The 700 MHz auction is set to begin on January 24, 2008. Together, these spectrum assets will be used to create one shared nationwide wireless broadband network, which will provide commercial service for consumers, while maintaining a nationwide network for Public Safety, including priority access during emergencies.

Harlin McEwen, Chairman of the PSST, said, "the PSST is moving ahead with all necessary activities toward creating a nationwide wireless broadband network built to meet the mission-critical communications needs of Public Safety. The filing of our application today to be the PSBL represents the collective hard work of Public Safety and we look forward to a timely decision and license award by the FCC." He added, "With time short before the start of the 700 MHz auction, today's filing is one of several important steps we have taken to be an engaged partner for the winner of the D Block auction."

The PSST Board of Directors is comprised of representatives of the following organizations: the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO); the Forestry Conservation Communications Association (FCCA); the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC); the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA); the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO); the National Emergency Number Association (NENA); and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA). In addition to these organizations, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the National Governors Association (NGA) have been invited to name representatives to the Board of the PSST.

### **About the PSST**

The PSST is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia. This organization was established to provide national Public Safety leadership a focal point and an organizational structure through which decisions can be made to guide the construction and operation of an interoperable nationwide broadband network. Pending FCC approval, this nationwide, shared network will be built and operated to meet the communications requirements of the Public Safety community through a public safety/commercial partnership.

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