



**Public Safety
Spectrum Trust**

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Public Safety Spectrum Trust Comments on Recent Media Reports

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 25, 2008 – Following a number of inaccurate statements in the media over the last several days, the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) issued comment today regarding the procedures established to protect the integrity of the 700 MHz auction. The auction began on January 24, 2008. At its conclusion, the winner of the 700 MHz D Block of spectrum will begin negotiations with the PSST leading to a network sharing agreement that will define the parameters of the shared wireless broadband network envisioned by the FCC.

Chief Harlin McEwen, Chairman of the PSST, said, "Although the PSST is not bidding in the 700 MHz auction, we are bound by the FCC's auction anti-collusion rules that restrict us from commenting on matters that could in any way be construed as potentially influencing bidding behavior in that auction. These rules are in place in order to ensure a fair and honest outcome to the competitive bidding process, which we hope will produce a winner for the D Block. The PSST intends to strictly adhere to these rules."

A number of press reports have speculated on or purported to have information about public safety's expectations for the shared network. However, these expectations are a matter of public record, contained in the PSST's Bidder Information Document, which can be reviewed at www.psst.org. Some of the reported statements are false; others are misleading; all could be viewed as possibly influencing 700 MHz bidder behavior, contrary to the FCC rules.

Chief McEwen added, "In a matter of such importance not only to the PSST but also to the country, it is natural to identify false statements or misleading impressions and to do so promptly and publicly. That is not possible in this case because of our adherence to the anti-collusion rules. But count on this - as soon as that prohibition is lifted we will identify false statements and we will correct the misleading impressions."

About the PSST

The PSST, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is the Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL), holding an FCC license for public safety spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band designated for nationwide wireless broadband use. The PSST's mission is to provide national public safety leadership an organizational structure through which decisions can be made to guide the construction and operation of an interoperable nationwide broadband network via a public safety-commercial partnership, ensuring the communications requirements of the public safety community are met. For additional information visit www.psst.org.

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