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Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

On February 15, 2024, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released a <u>Public Notice</u>, DA 24-141, announcing that it will begin accepting assignment and lease applications to participate in the Enhanced Competition Incentive Program (ECIP). ECIP provides incentives for wireless licensees to make underutilized spectrum available to small carriers, Tribal Nations, and entities serving rural areas. This new program encourages licensees to partition, disaggregate, or lease spectrum to better match available spectrum resources with entities that seek to provide needed services to under-connected communities.

The Commission has updated required forms with the new ECIP questions. ECIP applications will be placed on Public Notice pursuant to the Commission's rules. For additional information and details on the process to file a transaction application seeking ECIP benefits, including technical support, please submit help requests at https://www.fcc.gov/wtbhelp or call (877) 480-3201, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

Tribal Nations interested in ECIP can contact Stephanie Asous, Attorney Advisor of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division at Stephanie.Asous@fcc.gov, or the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy at Native@fcc.gov.

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