



January 14, 2021

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro
Comptroller General
Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20548

RE: Notice of Estimated Relocation or Sharing Costs and Timelines for 3450-3550
MHz Band

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

Pursuant to Section 113(g)(5) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (“NTIA”) Organization Act, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 923(g)(5)), please find enclosed the initial estimated relocation or sharing costs and timelines for the 3450-3550 MHz spectrum band.¹ NTIA, on behalf of the eligible federal entities and after review by the Office of Management and Budget, has this same day notified the Federal Communications Commission of these initial estimated costs and timelines. NTIA is concurrently providing a copy of the estimated costs and timelines to the Committees on Appropriations and Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and to the Committees on Appropriations and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate for approval.²

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact James Wasilewski, Director of NTIA’s Office of Congressional Affairs, at jwasilewski@ntia.gov or (202) 482-1830.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Roddy
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Communications
and Information, performing the delegated duties of
the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for
Communications and Information

Enclosure

¹ The 3450-3550 MHz band is a band of “eligible frequencies” as described in Section 113(g)(2) of the NTIA Organization Act, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 923(g)(2)).

² Unless disapproved within 30 days, the estimate shall be approved. If disapproved, NTIA may resubmit revised initial estimate. 47 U.S.C. § 923(g)(5).

ATTACHMENT

FEDERAL ENTITY	ESTIMATED AGGREGATE COSTS (\$millions)	ESTIMATED SPENDING TIMELINE (months) ¹	ESTIMATED SPECTRUM TRANSITION TIMELINE (months) ²	
			Within Cooperative Planning Areas (CPAs) ³	Contiguous US outside CPAs
Department of Defense, Office of Chief Information Officer (DOD\OCIO)	302.18	126	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Defense Information Systems Agency, Defense Spectrum Organization (DISA\DSO)	84.095	78	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Department of the Air Force	772.2739	138	12, 138 ⁴	0
Department of the Army	244.815	78	9	0
Department of the Navy	12,028.7764	132	9	0
Total:	\$13,432.1403			

¹ The “Spending Timeline” identifies the estimated maximum time period during which the federal entity will use amounts received from the Spectrum Relocation Fund (SRF) (represented by the number of months after transfer from the SRF when the entity estimates it will complete using SRF funds).

² The “Transition Timeline” is the estimated maximum number of months from the start of the transition period (the date on which the auction concludes) and when relocation is complete or coordination within Cooperative Planning Areas (CPAs) begins pursuant to applicable sharing criteria and arrangements. The conclusion of the auction is the date on which an auction of eligible frequencies concludes in accordance with Section 309(j)(16)(B) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

³ The FCC’s *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in WT Docket No. 19-348 proposed to define Cooperative Planning Areas (CPAs) as geographic locations in which non-federal operations shall coordinate with federal systems in the band to deploy non-federal operations in a manner that shall not cause harmful interference to federal systems operating in the band and to protect non-federal operations from potential harm caused by high powered federal operations.

⁴ For the Little Rock AFB CPA, the Air Force will begin temporary coordinated sharing with Station Keeping Equipment (SKE) frequencies starting at 12 months after the auction concludes; for all other frequencies, including SKE frequencies at other locations, sharing will begin at 9 months after the auction concludes. The Air Force estimates that all use of these frequencies will cease by 138 months after the auction concludes.