

Congress Always Pairs FCC Auction Authority with Specific Auctions

Congress has attached specific mandated auction bands in every multi-year auction authority extension since auction authority was first established in 1993. These mandated auctions have proven to be the backbone of U.S. wireless networks, creating new jobs and untold opportunities. Given that the federal government controls over 60% of core mid-band spectrum, it is critical that Congress again provide NTIA, the FCC and other stakeholders with clear direction on what should be auctioned in the years to come. Failure to do that would risk our global leadership and set back U.S. policy for years.

The wireless industry fully supports extending auction authority this year in the successful manner Congress has done in 1997, 2006 and 2012 with a clear and defined spectrum pipeline for the duration of any authority extension. In doing so, Congress can maximize the key priorities it can fund as part of the bill to address broadband affordability, national security and the nation's critical infrastructure.



AWS-1 AUCTION



700 MHZ AUCTION



600 MHZ, AWS-3 AND H-BLOCK AUCTION