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NAPM LLC ANNOUNCES REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM VENDORS ON UPCOMING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LNP DATABASE PLATFORMS AND SERVICES

WC Docket No. 09-109
WC Docket No. 07-149
CC Docket No. 95-116

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces the North American Portability Management LLC's (NAPM LLC) development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for local number portability (LNP) database platforms and services. The Commission encourages full competition in the RFP process and issues this Public Notice to ensure that interested parties are aware of the upcoming process.

The NAPM LLC provides oversight and management of the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA) at the direction of the Commission. On August 27, 2010, it filed a letter with the Commission to update the Commission regarding development of the NAPM LLC's RFP for LNP database platforms and services. Specifically, the NAPM LLC states that it plans to release a RFP to provide the specifications and terms for the development of a next-generation Number Portability Administration Center/Service Management System (NPAC/SMS) in the fourth quarter of 2011, with vendor selection, contract execution, platform testing, and system deployment to be completed prior to system launch in June 2015. The NPAC/SMS consists of hardware and software platform(s) that hosts a national information database and serves as the central coordination point of LNP activity. Currently, Neustar, Inc. is responsible for maintaining, administering, and operating the NPAC/SMS, under a contract with the NAPM LLC to perform duties as the LNPA. Because number portability promotes competition between telecommunications service providers by allowing customers to respond to price and service changes without changing their telephone numbers, the LNPA is important in ensuring equal and efficient access to the NPAC/SMS for all carriers.

In preparation for the RFP, the NAPM LLC states that it will issue a Request for Information (RFI) in the fourth quarter of 2010 to begin pre-qualifying potential vendors.

The NAPM LLC also submitted with its letter a news release (attached), which provides additional details pertaining to the RFI as well as contact information. A copy of the NAPM LLC letter is also attached.

The Commission will issue a Public Notice when the RFP is released to the public.

For further information, contact Marilyn Jones, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-2357, or Sanford Williams, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-1508, TTY (202) 418-0484.

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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Austin Schlick, General Counsel
Ms. Sharon Gillett, Chief of Wireline Competition Bureau
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Re: Update on RFI, Pre-Qualification and RFP, WC Docket Nos. 07-149 & 09-109

Dear Mr. Schlick and Ms. Gillett:

I am writing on behalf of the North American Portability Management LLC ("NAPM LLC") to provide the Commission with an update regarding the Request for Proposal ("RFP") that the NAPM LLC is developing for number portability database platform(s) and services in the seven United States former Regional Bell Operating Company ("RBOC") service areas or regions, including their related territories. The RFP for the NPAC/SMS platform(s) will be issued in the fourth quarter of 2011, with vendor selection, contract execution, platform testing, and system deployment to be completed prior to system launch in June 2015.

In preparation for the RFP, the NAPM LLC will issue a Request for Information ("RFI") in the fourth quarter of 2010 and begin to pre-qualify potential vendors. Beginning on November 15, 2010, interested parties may visit the NAPM LLC website (www.napmlc.org) for additional RFI and Pre-Qualification information and obtain instructions for the RFI/RFP process. Beginning on December 1, 2010, the RFI and additional Pre-Qualification information will be made available.

The NAPM LLC respectfully requests the Commission to issue an FCC News Release announcing the NAPM LLC News Release in order to ensure that all interested parties are made aware of the upcoming RFI and Pre-Qualification Process.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd D. Daubert', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Todd D. Daubert
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Enclosures

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PORTABILITY MANAGEMENT, LLC

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THE NAPM LLC ANNOUNCES A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR LNP DATABASE PLATFORMS AND SERVICES

The North American Portability Management Company LLC (NAPM LLC), through its Future of Number Portability Administration Center (FoNPAC) Team, is developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for number portability database platform(s) and services in the seven United States former RBOC service areas or regions, including their related territories.

The RFP will provide the specifications and terms for the development of a next-generation Number Portability Administration Center/Service Management System (NPAC/SMS) for Local Number Portability (LNP) in the seven former RBOC service areas. The NPAC/SMS consists of hardware and software platform(s) that host a national information database required to effect the porting and pooling of telephone numbers, proper call routing of telephone numbers, and associated advanced calling features. The NPAC/SMS serves as the central coordination point of LNP activity and provides management, administration, oversight for, and integration of, the data center operations, hardware and software development, and all maintenance related functions. The RFP for the NPAC/SMS will be issued in the fourth quarter of 2011, with vendor selection, contract execution, platform testing, and system deployment to be completed prior to system launch in June 2015.

In preparation for the RFP, the NAPM LLC will issue a Request for Information (RFI) in the fourth quarter of 2010 and begin to pre-qualify potential vendors. Beginning on November 15, 2010, interested parties may visit the NAPM LLC website (www.napmllc.org) and select the RFI/RFP tab for additional RFI and Pre-Qualification information and to obtain instructions for the RFI/RFP process. Beginning on December 1, 2010, the RFI and Pre-Qualification information will be available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Mel Clay or Tim Decker, Co-Chairs of the NAPM LLC. Mr. Clay may be reached at (404) 927-4625 or mc6188@ah.com. Mr. Decker may be reached at (972) 718-0303 or timothy.decker@verizon.com.

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