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FCC ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP ON ISSUES SURROUNDING THE REASSIGNMENT OF TV STATIONS AFTER THE INCENTIVE AUCTION

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As part of the Learn Everything About Reverse Auctions Now Program (LEARN), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will host a workshop on Monday, September 30, 2013, in Washington, D.C. Scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the two-panel session will focus on issues surrounding the reassignment of television stations after the incentive auction authorized by Congress in the Spectrum Act of 2012 (Act).¹

The Act establishes a \$1.75 billion TV Broadcaster Relocation Fund for the Commission to reimburse costs reasonably incurred by broadcasters who are relocated to new channels when broadcast spectrum is repacked following the auction.² In the workshop, panelists will discuss: 1) the categories of reimbursable costs broadcasters might incur as a result of the repacking; and 2) how broadcasters can coordinate among themselves to mitigate costs and ensure the most efficient transition to new frequencies.

The workshop will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters and is free and open to the public. It also will be streamed live at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>. More details about the event will be provided as the date approaches.

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¹ Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-96, §§ 6402, 6403, 125 Stat. 156 (2012).

² “Repacking” refers to the process of reorganizing the broadcast television bands in order to free up a portion of the ultra high frequency (UHF) bands for other uses. See Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 27 FCC Rcd 12357 (2012) (NPRM).