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### **The TA Launches Subscriber Equipment Deployment Initiative to Expedite Reconfiguration Implementation Activities**

**March 22, 2007, Washington, D.C.** – The 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC (TA) today announces the launch of the Subscriber Equipment Deployment initiative. This initiative is designed to expedite the completion of reconfiguration by providing licensees the option to jump-start implementation activities for subscriber equipment before negotiating terms and costs for reconfiguring system infrastructure. The Subscriber Equipment Deployment initiative was developed by the TA in consultation with the Public Safety community, Sprint Nextel, and other affected program stakeholders.

For licensees choosing to participate in Subscriber Equipment Deployment, completing negotiations for all costs, terms and conditions associated with both subscriber equipment and infrastructure reconfiguration is no longer necessary. In addition, the initiative also makes use of standard tasks and levels of effort to expedite negotiations between the parties.

“This is a significant new option,” said Brett Haan, Director, TA. “Licensees and vendors are now able to start implementation activities earlier and spread the work over a longer period of time. The intent of this effort is also to simplify negotiations. Requests fitting within the standard provided should require no further negotiations over the costs and tasks.”

Participation in this initiative is optional; however, the TA recommends that all licensees – especially those with large equipment fleets or those with regular fleet rotation schedules – evaluate the benefits of participation. To participate in the Subscriber Equipment Deployment initiative:

1. Complete a Subscriber Equipment Deployment Request Form, available at [http://www.800ta.org/content/PDF/forms/SED\\_Form.xls](http://www.800ta.org/content/PDF/forms/SED_Form.xls), and email [comments@800TA.org](mailto:comments@800TA.org) or fax (1-888-701-4380) the completed form to the TA.
2. Enter into an agreement with Sprint Nextel that covers the terms, conditions, and costs of the subscriber equipment deployment.

Once an agreement is in place, all additional costs agreed to by the licensee and Sprint Nextel that are associated with reconfiguration of infrastructure will be included in an amendment to the initial agreement.

“We’ve worked with the public safety community to develop Subscriber Equipment Deployment to provide licensees with more control over implementation timeframes within the context of the program. For example, a large state-wide system with knowledge that a number of units must be replaced, can now work to commence the associated implementation activities before completing all planning activities or negotiating a comprehensive agreement (for both subscriber equipment and infrastructure),” said Haan.

Complete guidance, including the Subscriber Equipment Deployment Request Form and Instructions, is available on the TA’s website at [http://www.800ta.org/content/documents/subscriber\\_equipment.asp](http://www.800ta.org/content/documents/subscriber_equipment.asp).

The TA will be conducting a virtual education information session – Webinar – on Subscriber Equipment Deployment and the steps involved for licensees who decide to pursue the option. The Webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST). Licensees can register on the TA’s website at <http://www.800TA.org>.

For questions regarding Subscriber Equipment Deployment, please contact the TA by phone at (888) 800-8220, by fax at (888) 701-4380, or via email at [comments@800TA.org](mailto:comments@800TA.org).

**About the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC**

800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC (TA LLC) is the Transition Administrator (TA) for the reconfiguration of the 800 MHz band mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). TA LLC has contracted with BearingPoint, Inc., Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. and Baseline Telecom, Inc. to perform the duties of the TA. Among its duties, the TA establishes reconfiguration guidelines, specifies replacement channels, reviews reconfiguration cost estimates, monitors payment of reconfiguration costs, manages the relocation schedule, facilitates issue resolution and administers the alternative dispute resolution process. TA LLC uses information it receives solely for the purposes of administering the 800 MHz reconfiguration process and may disclose such information to the FCC or other authorized parties pursuant to the requirements of the 800 MHz Order or other applicable laws.

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