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Qualification procedure for the 5G spectrum auction opens

Jochen Homann: "The Bundesnetzagentur strengthens Germany as the lead market for 5G"

The Bundesnetzagentur today announced the final award conditions and auction rules for the 5G spectrum auction. The qualification procedure for admission to the auction is therefore now open.

"Our decision sets vital preconditions for the digital transformation of industry and society. Through the award of frequencies, we are creating planning and investment certainty, and contributing to a fast, needsbased rollout of the mobile radio network in Germany," said Jochen Homann, Bundesnetzagentur President.

The decision of the president's Chamber of the Bundesnetzagentur follows extensive consultations and was taken in consultation with the Advisory Council of the Bundesnetzagentur.

Award conditions

The award conditions include obligations for better coverage in both urban and rural areas as well as along transport routes, plus measures to promote competition, such as service provider regulations and national roaming requirements.

Application for admission

The qualification procedure is now open following publication of the decision. Companies wishing to take part in the auction have until 3.00 pm on 25 January 2019 to submit their applications. The auction is scheduled for spring 2019.

The decision together with further information has been posted on the Bundesnetzagentur's website at www.bundesnetzagentur.de/mobilesbreitband.

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The Bundesnetzagentur is an authority under the responsibility of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. Its core tasks include supervising the energy, telecommunications, postal and railway markets.

As part of its mandate, the Bundesnetzagentur ensures that as many undertakings as possible can use the infrastructure in these sectors so that consumers benefit from competition and favourable prices.

The authority employs over 2,900 people at its headquarters in Bonn, its other main sites in Mainz and Saarbrücken, and at its 46 regional offices.