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AMERICAN
JOBS ACT



PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLAN TO CREATE JOBS NOW

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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Today, I am pleased to submit to the Congress the enclosed legislative proposal, the "American Jobs Act of 2011," together with a section-by-section analysis of the legislation.

The American people understand that the economic crisis and the deep recession were not created overnight and will not be solved overnight. The economic security of the middle class has been under attack for decades. That is why I believe we need to do more than just recover from this economic crisis -- we need to rebuild the economy the American way, based on balance, fairness, and the same set of rules for everyone from Wall Street to Main Street. We can work together to create the jobs of the future by helping small business entrepreneurs, by investing in education, and by making things the world buys.

To create jobs, I am submitting the American Jobs Act of 2011 -- nearly all of which is made up of the kinds of proposals supported by both Republicans and Democrats, and that the Congress should pass right away to get the economy moving now. The purpose of the American Jobs Act of 2011 is simple: put more people back to work and put more money in the pockets of working Americans. And it will do so without adding a dime to the deficit.

First, the American Jobs Act of 2011 provides a tax cut for small businesses, to help them hire and expand now, and an additional tax cut to any business that hires or increases wages. In addition, the American Jobs Act of 2011 puts more money in the pockets of working and middle class Americans by cutting in half the payroll tax that comes out of the paycheck of every worker, saving typical families an average of \$1,500 a year.

Second, the American Jobs Act of 2011 puts more people back to work, including teachers laid off by State budget cuts, first responders and veterans coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan, and construction workers repairing crumbling bridges, roads and more than 35,000 schools, with projects chosen by need and impact, not earmarks and politics. It will repair and refurbish hundreds of thousands of foreclosed homes and businesses in communities across the country.

Third, the American Jobs Act of 2011 helps out-of-work Americans by extending unemployment benefits to help them support their families while looking for work, and by reforming the system with training programs that build real skills, connect to real jobs, and help the long-term unemployed. It bans employers from discriminating against the unemployed when hiring, and provides a new tax credit to employers hiring workers who have been out of a job for over 6 months. And, it expands job opportunities for hundreds of thousands of

low-income youth and adults through a new Pathways Back to Work Fund that supports summer and year round jobs for youth; innovative new job training programs to connect low-income workers to jobs quickly; and successful programs to encourage employers to bring on disadvantaged workers.

Lastly, this legislation is fully paid for. The legislation includes specific offsets to close corporate tax loopholes and asks the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share that more than cover the cost of the jobs measures. The legislation also increases the deficit reduction target for the Joint Committee by the amount of the cost of the jobs package and specifies that, if the Committee reaches that higher target, then their measures would replace and turn off the specific offsets in this legislation.

I urge the prompt and favorable consideration of this proposal.

BARACK OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE,
September 12, 2011.

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A Bill

To provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled,

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SEC. 2. REFERENCES

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any subtitle of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that subtitle.”

SEC. 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 4. BUY AMERICAN -- USE OF AMERICAN IRON, STEEL, AND MANUFACTURED GOODS.

“(5) TREATMENT OF REVENUES. –All proceeds obtained pursuant to the regulations required by this subsection shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Treasury.”

PART II – PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK

SECTION 281. REALLOCATION OF D BLOCK FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

(a) In General.—The Commission shall reallocate the 700 MHz D block spectrum for use by public safety entities in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) Spectrum Allocation.—Section 337(a) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 337(a)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “24” in paragraph (1) and inserting “34”; and
- (2) by striking “36” in paragraph (2) and inserting “26”.

SECTION 282. FLEXIBLE USE OF NARROWBAND SPECTRUM.

The Commission may allow the narrowband spectrum to be used in a flexible manner, including usage for public safety broadband communications, subject to such technical and interference protection measures as the Commission may require and subject to interoperability requirements of the Commission and the Corporation established in section 204 of this subtitle.

SECTION 283. SINGLE PUBLIC SAFETY WIRELESS NETWORK LICENSEE.

(a) Reallocation and Grant of License.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to the provisions of this subtitle, including section 290, the Commission shall grant a license to the Public Safety Broadband Corporation established under section 284 for the use of the 700 MHz D block spectrum and existing public safety broadband spectrum.

(b) Term of License.—

(1) INITIAL LICENSE.—The license granted under subsection (a) shall be for an initial term of 10 years from the date of the initial issuance of the license.

(2) RENEWAL OF LICENSE.—Prior to expiration of the term of the initial license granted under subsection (a) or the expiration of any subsequent renewal of such license, the Corporation shall submit to the Commission an application for the renewal of such license. Such renewal application shall demonstrate that, during the preceding license term, the Corporation has met the duties and obligations set forth under this subtitle. A renewal license granted under this paragraph shall be for a term of not to exceed 15 years.

(c) Facilitation of Transition.—The Commission shall take all actions necessary to facilitate the transition of the existing public safety broadband spectrum to the Public Safety Broadband Corporation established under section 284.

SECTION 284. ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND CORPORATION.

(a) Establishment.—There is authorized to be established a private, nonprofit corporation, to be known as the “Public Safety Broadband Corporation”, which is neither an agency nor establishment of the United States Government or the District of Columbia Government.

(b) Application of Provisions.—The Corporation shall be subject to the provisions of this subtitle, and, to the extent consistent with this subtitle, to the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act (sec. 29–301.01 et seq., D.C. Official Code).

(c) Residence.—The Corporation shall have its place of business in the District of Columbia and shall be considered, for purposes of venue in civil actions, to be a resident of the District of Columbia.

(d) Powers Under DC Act.—In order to carry out the duties and activities of the Corporation, the Corporation shall have the usual powers conferred upon a nonprofit corporation by the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act.

(e) Incorporation.—The members of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall serve as incorporators and shall take whatever steps that are necessary to establish the Corporation under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act.

SECTION 285. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION.

(a) Membership.—The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors (referred to in this Title as the “Board”), which shall consist of the following members:

(1) FEDERAL MEMBERS.—The following individuals, or their respective designees, shall serve as Federal members:

- (A) The Secretary of Commerce.
- (B) The Secretary of Homeland Security.
- (C) The Attorney General of the United States.
- (D) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(2) NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General of the United States, shall appoint 11 individuals to serve as non-Federal members of the Board.

(B) STATE, TERRITORIAL, TRIBAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS.—In making appointments under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Commerce should—

- (i) appoint at least 3 individuals with significant expertise in the collective interests of State, Territorial, Tribal and Local governments; and
- (ii) seek to ensure geographic and regional representation of the United States in such appointments;
- (iii) seek to ensure rural and urban representation in such appointments.

(C) PUBLIC SAFETY INTERESTS.—In making appointments under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Commerce should appoint at least 3 individuals who have served or are currently serving as public safety professionals.

(D) REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS.—

- (i) IN GENERAL.— Each non-Federal member appointed under subparagraph (A) should meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

(I) PUBLIC SAFETY EXPERIENCE.—Knowledge and experience in the use of Federal, State, local, or tribal public safety or emergency response.

(II) TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.—Technical expertise and fluency regarding broadband communications, including public safety communications and cybersecurity.

(III) NETWORK EXPERTISE.—Expertise in building, deploying, and operating commercial telecommunications networks.

(IV) FINANCIAL EXPERTISE.—Expertise in financing and funding telecommunications networks.

(ii) EXPERTISE TO BE REPRESENTED.—In making appointments under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Commerce should appoint—

(I) at least one individual who satisfies the requirement under subclause (II) of clause (i);

(II) at least one individual who satisfies the requirement under subclause (III) of clause (i); and

(III) at least one individual who satisfies the requirement under subclause (IV) of clause (i).

(E) INDEPENDENCE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Each non-Federal member of the Board shall be independent and neutral and maintain a fiduciary relationship with the Corporation in performing his or her duties.

(ii) INDEPENDENCE DETERMINATION.—In order to be considered independent for purposes of this subparagraph, a member of the Board—

(I) may not, other than in his or her capacity as a member of the Board or any committee thereof—

(aa) accept any consulting, advisory, or other compensatory fee from the Corporation; or

(bb) be a person associated with the Corporation or with any affiliated company thereof; and

(II) shall be disqualified from any deliberation involving any transaction of the Corporation in which the Board member has a financial interest in the outcome of the transaction.

(F) NOT OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.—The non-Federal members of the Board shall not, by reason of such membership, be considered to be officers or employees of the United States Government or of the District of Columbia Government.

(G) CITIZENSHIP.—No individual other than a citizen of the United States may serve as a non-Federal member of the Board.

(H) CLEARANCE FOR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. —In order to have the threat and vulnerability information necessary to make risk management decisions regarding the network, the non-Federal members of the Board shall be required, prior to appointment, to obtain a clearance held by the Director of

National Intelligence that permits them to receive information classified at the level of Top Secret, Special Compartmented Information.

(b) Terms of Appointment.—

(1) INITIAL APPOINTMENT DEADLINE.—Members of the Board shall be appointed not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subtitle.

(2) TERMS.—

(A) LENGTH.—

(i) FEDERAL MEMBERS.—Each Federal member of the Board shall serve as a member of the Board for the life of the Corporation while serving in their appointed capacity.

(ii) NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS.—The term of office of each non-Federal member of the Board shall be 3 years. No non-Federal member of the Board may serve more than 2 consecutive full 3-year terms.

(B) EXPIRATION OF TERM.—Any member whose term has expired may serve until such member's successor has taken office, or until the end of the calendar year in which such member's term has expired, whichever is earlier.

(C) APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY.—Any non-Federal member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which that member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of the predecessor's term.

(D) STAGGERED TERMS.—With respect to the initial non-Federal members of the Board—

(i) 4 members shall serve for a term of 3 years;

(ii) 4 members shall serve for a term of 2 years; and

(iii) 3 members shall serve for a term of 1 year.

(3) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the membership of the Board shall not affect the Board's powers, and shall be filled in the same manner as the original member was appointed.

(c) Chair.—

(1) SELECTION.—The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General of the United States, shall select, from among the members of the Board, an individual to serve for a 2-year term as Chair of the Board.

(2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS.—An individual may not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms as Chair of the Board.

(3) REMOVAL FOR CAUSE.—The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General of the United States, may remove the Chair of the Board and any non-Federal member for good cause.

(d) Removal.—All members of the Board may by majority vote—

(1) remove any non-Federal member of the Board from office for conduct determined by the Board to be detrimental to the Board or Corporation; and

(2) request that the Secretary of Commerce exercise his or her authority to remove the Chair of the Board for conduct determined by the Board to be detrimental to the Board or Corporation.

(e) Meetings.—

(1) FREQUENCY.—The Board shall meet in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation—

(A) at the call of the Chairperson; and

(B) not less frequently than once each quarter.

(2) TRANSPARENCY.—Meetings of the Board, including any committee of the Board, shall be open to the public. The Board may, by majority vote, close any such meeting only for the time necessary to preserve the confidentiality of commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, to discuss personnel matters, to discuss security vulnerabilities when making those vulnerabilities public would increase risk to the network or otherwise materially threaten network operations, or to discuss legal matters affecting the Corporation, including pending or potential litigation.

(f) Quorum.—Eight members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

(g) Bylaws.—A majority of the members of the Board of Directors may amend the bylaws of the Corporation.

(h) Attendance.—Members of the Board of Directors may attend meetings of the Corporation and vote in person, via telephone conference, or via video conference.

(i) Prohibition on Compensation. Members of the Board of the Corporation shall serve without pay, and shall not otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, as a result of their service to the Corporation, but shall be allowed a per diem allowance for travel expenses, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the Corporation.

SECTION 286. OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND COMMITTEES OF THE CORPORATION.

(a) Officers and Employees.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall have a Chief Executive Officer, and such other officers and employees as may be named and appointed by the Board for terms and at rates of compensation fixed by the Board pursuant to this subsection. The Chief Executive Officer may name and appoint such employees as are necessary. All officers and employees shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

(2) LIMITATION.—No individual other than a citizen of the United States may be an officer of the Corporation.

(3) NONPOLITICAL NATURE OF APPOINTMENT.—No political test or qualification shall be used in selecting, appointing, promoting, or taking other personnel actions with respect to officers, agents, or employees of the Corporation.

(4) COMPENSATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board may hire and fix the compensation of employees hired under this subsection as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Corporation.

(B) APPROVAL BY COMPENSATION BY FEDERAL MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, or any bylaw adopted by the Corporation, all rates of compensation, including benefit plans and salary ranges, for officers and employees of the Board, shall be jointly approved by the Federal members of the Board.

(C) **LIMITATION ON OTHER COMPENSATION.**—No officer or employee of the Corporation may receive any salary or other compensation (except for compensation for services on boards of directors of other organizations that do not receive funds from the Corporation, on committees of such boards, and in similar activities for such organizations) from any sources other than the Corporation for services rendered during the period of the employment of the officer or employee by the Corporation, unless unanimously approved by all voting members of the Corporation.

(5) **SERVICE ON OTHER BOARDS.**—Service by any officer on boards of directors of other organizations, on committees of such boards, and in similar activities for such organizations shall be subject to annual advance approval by the Board and subject to the provisions of the Corporation’s Statement of Ethical Conduct.

(6) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—No officer or employee of the Board or of the Corporation shall be considered to be an officer or employee of the United States Government or of the government of the District of Columbia.

(7) **CLEARANCE FOR CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.** —In order to have the threat and vulnerability information necessary to make risk management decisions regarding the network, at a minimum the Chief Executive Officer and any officers filling the roles normally titled as Chief Information Officers, Chief Information Security Officer, and Chief Operations Officer shall—

(A) be required, within six months of being hired, to obtain a clearance held by the Director of National Intelligence that permits them to receive information classified at the level of Top Secret, Special Compartmented Information.

(b) **Advisory Committees.**—The Board—

(1) shall establish a standing public safety advisory committee to assist the Board in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this Title; and

(2) may establish additional standing or ad hoc committees, panels, or councils as the Board determines are necessary.

SECTION 287. NONPROFIT AND NONPOLITICAL NATURE OF THE CORPORATION.

(a) **Stock.**—The Corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock, or to declare or pay any dividends.

(b) **Profit.**—No part of the income or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, employee, or any other individual associated with the Corporation, except as salary or reasonable compensation for services.

(c) **Politics.**—The Corporation may not contribute to or otherwise support any political party or candidate for elective public office.

(d) **Prohibition on Lobbying Activities.**— The Corporation shall not engage in lobbying activities (as defined in section 3(7) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (5 U.S.C. 1602(7))).

SECTION 288. POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CORPORATION.

(a) **General Powers.**—The Corporation shall have the authority to do the following:

(1) To adopt and use a corporate seal.

(2) To have succession until dissolved by an Act of Congress.

(3) To prescribe, through the actions of its Board, bylaws not inconsistent with Federal law and the laws of the District of Columbia, regulating the manner in which the Corporation's general business may be conducted and the manner in which the privileges granted to the Corporation by law may be exercised.

(4) To exercise, through the actions of its Board, all powers specifically granted by the provisions of this Title, and such incidental powers as shall be necessary.

(5) To hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Corporation considers necessary to carry out its responsibilities and duties.

(6) To obtain grants and funds from and make contracts with individuals, private companies, organizations, institutions, and Federal, State, regional, and local agencies, pursuant to guidelines established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(7) To accept, hold, administer, and utilize gifts, donations, and bequests of property, both real and personal, for the purposes of aiding or facilitating the work of the Corporation.

(8) To issue notes or bonds, which shall not be guaranteed or backed in any manner by the Government of the United States, to purchasers of such instruments in the private capital markets;

(9) To incur indebtedness, which shall be the sole liability of the Corporation and shall not be guaranteed or backed by the Government of the United States, to carry out the purposes of this Title.

(10) To spend funds under paragraph (6) in a manner authorized by the Board, but only for purposes that will advance or enhance public safety communications consistent with this subtitle.

(11) To establish reserve accounts with funds that the Corporation may receive from time to time that exceed the amounts required by the Corporation to timely pay its debt service and other obligations.

(12) To expend the funds placed in any reserve accounts established under paragraph (11) (including interest earned on any such amounts) in a manner authorized by the Board, but only for purposes that—

(A) will advance or enhance public safety communications consistent with this subtitle; or

(B) are otherwise approved by an Act of Congress.

(13) To build, operate and maintain the public safety interoperable broadband network.

(14) To take such other actions as the Corporation (through its Board) may from time to time determine necessary, appropriate, or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this subtitle.

(b) Duty and Responsibility to Deploy and Operate a Nationwide Public Safety Interoperable Broadband Network.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall hold the single public safety wireless license granted under section 281 and take all actions necessary to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of a secure and resilient nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network in consultation with Federal, State, tribal, and local

public safety entities, the Director of NIST, the Commission, and the public safety advisory committee established in section 284(b)(1), including by,—

(A) ensuring nationwide standards including encryption requirements for use and access of the network;

(B) issuing open, transparent, and competitive requests for proposals to private sector entities for the purposes of building, operating, and maintaining the network;

(C) managing and overseeing the implementation and execution of contracts or agreements with non-Federal entities to build, operate, and maintain the network; and

(D) establishing policies regarding Federal and public safety support use.

(2) INTEROPERABILITY, SECURITY AND STANDARDS.—In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of this subsection, including issuing requests for proposals, the Corporation shall—

(A) ensure the safety, security, and resiliency of the network, including requirements for protecting and monitoring the network to protect against cyber intrusions or cyberattack;

(B) be informed of and manage supply chain risks to the network, including requirements to provide insight into the suppliers and supply chains for critical network components and to implement risk management best practice in network design, contracting, operations and maintenance;

(C) promote competition in the equipment market, including devices for public safety communications, by requiring that equipment and devices for use on the network be—

(i) built to open, non-proprietary, commercially available standards;

(ii) capable of being used across the nationwide public safety broadband network operating in the 700 MHz band;

(iii) be able to be interchangeable with other vendors' equipment; and

(iv) backward-compatible with existing second and third generation commercial networks to the extent that such capabilities are necessary and technically and economically reasonable; and

(D) promote integration of the network with public safety answering points or their equivalent.

(3) RURAL COVERAGE.—In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of this subsection, including issuing requests for proposals, the Corporation, consistent with the license granted under section 281, shall require deployment phases with substantial rural coverage milestones as part of each phase of the construction and deployment of the network.

(4) EXECUTION OF AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the duties and responsibilities of this subsection, the Corporation may—

(A) obtain grants from and make contracts with individuals, private companies, and Federal, State, regional, and local agencies;

(B) hire or accept voluntary services of consultants, experts, advisory boards, and panels to aid the Corporation in carrying out such duties and responsibilities;

(C) receive payment for use of—

(i) network capacity licensed to the Corporation; and

(ii) network infrastructure constructed, owned, or operated by the Corporation;

(D) take such other actions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth in this subsection.

(c) Other Specific Duties and Responsibilities.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF NETWORK POLICIES.—In carrying out the requirements under subsection (b), the Corporation shall take such actions as may be necessary, including the development of requests for proposals—

(A) Request for proposals should include—

(i) build timetables, including by taking into consideration the time needed to build out to rural areas;

(ii) coverage areas, including coverage in rural and nonurban areas;

(iii) service levels;

(iv) performance criteria; and

(v) other similar matters for the construction and deployment of such network;

(B) the technical, operational and security requirements of the network and, as appropriate, network suppliers;

(C) practices, procedures, and standards for the management and operation of such network;

(D) terms of service for the use of such network, including billing practices; and

(E) ongoing compliance review and monitoring of the—

(i) management and operation of such network;

(ii) practices and procedures of the entities operating on and the personnel using such network; and

(iii) training needs of entities operating on and personnel using such network.

(2) STATE AND LOCAL PLANNING.—

(A) REQUIRED CONSULTATION.—In developing requests for proposal and otherwise carrying out its responsibilities under this subtitle, the Corporation shall consult with regional, State, tribal, and local jurisdictions regarding the distribution and expenditure of any amounts required to carry out the policies established under paragraph (1), including with regard to the—

(i) construction of an Evolved Packet Core or Cores and any Radio Access Network build out;

(ii) placement of towers;

(iii) coverage areas of the network, whether at the regional, State, tribal, or local level;

(iv) adequacy of hardening, security, reliability, and resiliency requirements;

- (v) assignment of priority to local users;
- (vi) assignment of priority and selection of entities seeking access to or use of the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network established under subsection (b); and
- (vii) training needs of local users.

(B) METHOD OF CONSULTATION.—The consultation required under subparagraph (A) shall occur between the Corporation and the single officer or governmental body designated under section 294(d).

(3) LEVERAGING EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE.—In carrying out the requirement under subsection (b), the Corporation shall enter into agreements to utilize, to the maximum economically desirable, existing—

- (A) commercial or other communications infrastructure; and
- (B) Federal, State, tribal, or local infrastructure.

(4) MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES.—The Corporation shall ensure through the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network established under subsection (b), including by ensuring that the Corporation updates and revises any policies established under paragraph (1) to take into account new and evolving technologies and security concerns.

(5) ROAMING AGREEMENTS.—The Corporation shall negotiate and enter into, as it determines appropriate, roaming agreements with commercial network providers to allow the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband users to roam onto commercial networks and gain prioritization of public safety communications over such networks in times of an emergency.

(6) NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVICE CRITERIA.—The Director of NIST, in consultation with the Corporation and the Commission, shall ensure the development of a list of certified devices and components meeting appropriate protocols, encryption requirements, and standards for public safety entities and commercial vendors to adhere to, if such entities or vendors seek to have access to, use of, or compatibility with the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network established under subsection (b).

(7) REPRESENTATION BEFORE STANDARD SETTING ENTITIES.—The Corporation, in consultation with the Director of NIST, the Commission, and the public safety advisory committee established under section 284(b)(1), shall represent the interests of public safety users of the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network established under subsection (b) before any proceeding, negotiation, or other matter in which a standards organization, standards body, standards development organization, or any other recognized standards-setting entity regarding the development of standards relating to interoperability.

(8) PROHIBITION ON NEGOTIATION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—Except as authorized by the President, the Corporation shall not have the authority to negotiate or enter into any agreements with a foreign government on behalf of the United States.

(d) Use of Mails.—The Corporation may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as the departments and agencies of the United States.

SECTION 289. INITIAL FUNDING FOR CORPORATION

(a) NTIA Provision of Initial Funding to the Corporation.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Prior to the commencement of incentive auctions to be carried out under section 309(j)(8)(F) of the Communications Act of 1934 or the auction of spectrum pursuant to section 273 of this subtitle, the NTIA is hereby appropriated \$50,000,000 for reasonable administrative expenses and other costs associated with the establishment of the Corporation, and that may be transferred as needed to the Corporation for expenses before the commencement of incentive auction: Provided, That funding shall expire on September 30, 2014.

(2) CONDITION OF FUNDING.—At the time of application for, and as a condition to, any such funding, the Corporation shall file with the NTIA a statement with respect to the anticipated use of the proceeds of this funding.

(3) NTIA APPROVAL.—If the NTIA determines that such funding is necessary for the Corporation to carry out its duties and responsibilities under this Title and that Corporation has submitted a plan, then the NTIA shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress 30 days before each transfer of funds takes place.

SECTION 290. PERMANENT SELF-FUNDING; DUTY TO ASSESS AND COLLECT FEES FOR NETWORK USE.

(a) In General.—The Corporation shall have the authority to assess and collect the following fees:

(1) NETWORK USER FEE.—A user or subscription fee from each entity, including any public safety entity or secondary user, that seeks access to or use of the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network established under this Title.

(2) LEASE FEES RELATED TO NETWORK CAPACITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A fee from any non-Federal entity that seeks to enter into a covered leasing agreement.

(B) COVERED LEASING AGREEMENT.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), a “covered leasing agreement” means a written agreement between the Corporation and secondary user to permit—

(i) access to network capacity on a secondary basis for non-public safety services; and

(ii) the spectrum allocated to such entity to be used for commercial transmissions along the dark fiber of the long-haul network of such entity.

(3) LEASE FEES RELATED TO NETWORK EQUIPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE.—A fee from any non-Federal entity that seeks access to or use of any equipment or infrastructure, including antennas or towers, constructed or otherwise owned by the Corporation.

(b) Establishment of Fee Amounts; Permanent Self-funding.—The total amount of the fees assessed for each fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be sufficient, and shall not exceed the amount necessary, to recoup the total expenses of the Corporation in carrying out its duties and responsibilities described under this Title for the fiscal year involved.

(c) Required Reinvestment of Funds.—The Corporation shall reinvest amounts received from the assessment of fees under this section in the nationwide public safety interoperable

broadband network by using such funds only for constructing, maintaining, managing or improving the network.

SECTION 291. AUDIT AND REPORT.

(a) Audit.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The financial transactions of the Corporation for any fiscal year during which Federal funds are available to finance any portion of its operations shall be audited by the Comptroller General of the United States in accordance with the principles and procedures applicable to commercial corporate transactions and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Comptroller General.

(2) LOCATION.—Any audit conducted under paragraph (1) shall be conducted at the place or places where accounts of the Corporation are normally kept.

(3) ACCESS TO CORPORATION BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of an audit conducted under paragraph (1), the representatives of the Comptroller General shall—

(i) have access to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, and all other papers, things, or property belonging to or in use by the Corporation that pertain to the financial transactions of the Corporation and are necessary to facilitate the audit; and

(ii) be afforded full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians.

(B) REQUIREMENT.—All books, accounts, records, reports, files, papers, and property of the Corporation shall remain in the possession and custody of the Corporation.

(b) Report.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report of each audit conducted under subsection (a) to—

(A) the appropriate committees of Congress;

(B) the President; and

(C) the Corporation.

(2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall contain—

(A) such comments and information as the Comptroller General determines necessary to inform Congress of the financial operations and condition of the Corporation;

(B) any recommendations of the Comptroller General relating to the financial operations and condition of the Corporation; and

(C) a description of any program, expenditure, or other financial transaction or undertaking of the Corporation that was observed during the course of the audit, which, in the opinion of the Comptroller General, has been carried on or made without the authority of law.

SECTION 292. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.

(a) In General.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subtitle, and each year thereafter, the Corporation shall submit an annual report covering the preceding fiscal year to the President and the appropriate committees of Congress.

(b) Required Content.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a comprehensive and detailed report of the operations, activities, financial condition, and accomplishments of the Corporation under this section; and

(2) such recommendations or proposals for legislative or administrative action as the Corporation deems appropriate.

(c) Availability to Testify.—The directors, officers, employees, and agents of the Corporation shall be available to testify before the appropriate committees of the Congress with respect to—

(1) the report required under subsection (a);

(2) the report of any audit made by the Comptroller General under section 291; or

(3) any other matter which such committees may determine appropriate.

SECTION 293. PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

The Commission and the Departments of Homeland Security, Justice and Commerce may provide technical assistance to the Corporation and may take any action at the request of the Corporation in effectuating its duties and responsibilities under this Title.

SECTION 294. STATE AND LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) Establishment of State and Local Implementation Grant Program.—The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Corporation, shall take such action as is necessary to establish a grant program to make grants to States to assist State, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions to identify, plan, and implement the most efficient and effective way for such jurisdictions to utilize and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network established in this subtitle to satisfy the wireless communications and data services needs of that jurisdiction, including with regards to coverage, siting, identity management for public safety users and their devices, and other needs.

(b) Matching Requirements; Federal Share.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the cost of any activity carried out using a grant under this section may not exceed 80 percent of the eligible costs of carrying out that activity, as determined by the Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Corporation.

(2) WAIVER.—The Assistant Secretary may waive, in whole or in part, the requirements of paragraph (1) for good cause shown if the Assistant Secretary determines that such a waiver is in the public interest.

(c) Programmatic Requirements.—Not later than 6 months after the establishment of the bylaws of the Corporation pursuant to section 286 of this subtitle, the Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the Corporation, shall establish requirements relating to the grant program to be carried out under this section, including the following:

(1) Defining eligible costs for purposes of subsection (b)(1).

(2) Determining the scope of eligible activities for grant funding under this section.

(3) Prioritizing grants for activities that ensure coverage in rural as well as urban areas.

(d) Certification and Designation of Officer or Governmental Body.—In carrying out the grant program established under this section, the Assistant Secretary shall require each State to certify in its application for grant funds that the State has designated a single officer or governmental body to serve as the coordinator of implementation of the grant funds.

SECTION 295. STATE AND LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the “State and Local Implementation Fund”.

(b) PURPOSE.—The Assistant Secretary shall establish and administer the grant program authorized under section 294 of this subtitle using funds deposited in the State and Local Implementation Fund.

(c) CREDITING OF RECEIPTS.—There shall be deposited into or credited to the State and Local Implementation Fund—

(1) any amounts specified in section 297; and

(2) any amounts borrowed by the Assistant Secretary under subsection (d).

(d) BORROWING AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary may borrow from the General Fund of the Treasury beginning on October 1, 2011, such sums as may be necessary, but not to exceed \$100,000,000 to implement section 294,

(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Assistant Secretary shall reimburse the General Fund of the Treasury, with interest, for any amounts borrowed under subparagraph (1) as funds are deposited into the State and Local Implementation Fund.

SECTION 296. PUBLIC SAFETY WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) NIST Directed Research and Development Program.—From amounts made available from the Public Safety Trust Fund established under section 297, the Director of NIST, in consultation with the Commission, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the National Institute of Justice of the Department of Justice, as appropriate, shall conduct research and assist with the development of standards, technologies, and applications to advance wireless public safety communications.

(b) Required Activities.—In carrying out the requirement under subsection (a), the Director of NIST, in consultation with the Corporation and the public safety advisory committee established under section 286(b)(1), shall—

(1) document public safety wireless communications technical requirements;

(2) accelerate the development of the capability for communications between currently deployed public safety narrowband systems and the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network to be established under this title;

(3) establish a research plan, and direct research, that addresses the wireless communications needs of public safety entities beyond what can be provided by the current generation of broadband technology;

(4) accelerate the development of mission critical voice, including device-to-device “talkaround” standards for broadband networks, if necessary and practical, public safety prioritization, authentication capabilities, as well as a standard application programming interfaces for the nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network to be established under this title, if necessary and practical;

(5) seek to develop technologies, standards, processes, and architectures that provide a significant improvement in network security, resiliency and trustworthiness; and

(6) convene working groups of relevant government and commercial parties to achieve the requirements in paragraphs (1) through (5).

(c) Transfer Authority.—If in the determination of the Director of NIST another Federal agency is better suited to carry out and oversee the research and development of any activity to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of this section, the Director may transfer any amounts provided under this section to such agency, including to the National Institute of Justice of the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security.

SECTION 297. PUBLIC SAFETY TRUST FUND

(a) Establishment of Public Safety Trust Fund.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the “Public Safety Trust Fund”.

(2) CREDITING OF RECEIPTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—There shall be deposited into or credited to the Public Safety Trust Fund the proceeds from the auction of spectrum carried out pursuant to—

(i) section 273 of this subtitle; and

(ii) section 309(j)(8)(F) of the Communications Act of 1934, as added by section 273 of this subtitle.

(B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts deposited into or credited to the Public Safety Trust Fund in accordance with subparagraph (A) shall remain available until the end of fiscal year 2018. Upon the expiration of the period described in the prior sentence such amounts shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Treasury, where such amounts shall be dedicated for the sole purpose of deficit reduction.

(b) Use of Fund.—Amounts deposited in the Public Safety Trust Fund shall be used in the following manner:

(1) PAYMENT OF AUCTION INCENTIVE.—

(A) REQUIRED DISBURSALS.—Amounts in the Public Safety Trust Fund shall be used to make any required disbursement of payments to licensees required pursuant to clause (i) and subclause (IV) of clause (ii) of section 309(j)(8)(F) of the Communications Act of 1934.

(B) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—At least 3 months in advance of any incentive auction conducted pursuant to subparagraph (F) of section 309(j)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934, the Chairman of the Commission, in

consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress—

(I) of the methodology for calculating the disbursal of payments to certain licensees required pursuant to clause (i) and subclauses (III) and (IV) of clause of (ii) of such section;

(II) that such methodology considers the value of the spectrum voluntarily relinquished in its current use and the timeliness with which the licensee cleared its use of such spectrum; and

(III) of the estimated payments to be made from the Incentive Auction Relocation fund established under section 309(j)(8)(G) of the Communications Act of 1934.

(ii) DEFINITION.—In this clause, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(I) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

(II) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(III) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

(IV) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(2) INCENTIVE AUCTION RELOCATION FUND.—Not more than \$1,000,000,000 shall be deposited in the Incentive Auction Relocation Fund established under section 309(j)(8)(G) of the Communications Act of 1934.

(3) STATE AND LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION FUND.—\$200,000,000 shall be deposited in the State and Local Implementation Fund established under section 294.

(4) PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND CORPORATION.—\$6,450,000,000 shall be deposited with the Public Safety Broadband Corporation established under section 284, of which pursuant to its responsibilities and duties set forth under section 288 to deploy and operate a nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network. Funds deposited with the Public Safety Broadband Corporation shall be available after submission of a five -year budget by the Corporation and approval by the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, Director of the Office of Management and Budget and Attorney General of the United States.

(5) PUBLIC SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—After approval by the Office of Management and Budget of a spend plan developed by the Director of NIST, a Wireless Innovation (WIN) Fund of up to \$300,000,000 shall be made available for use by the Director of NIST to carry out the research program established under section 296 and be available until expended. If less than \$300,000,000 is approved by the Office of Management and Budget, the remainder shall be transferred to the Public Safety Broadband Corporation established in section 284 and be available for duties set forth under section 288 to deploy and operate a nationwide public safety interoperable broadband network.

(6) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any amounts remaining after the deduction of the amounts required under paragraphs (1) through (5) shall be deposited in the General Fund

of the Treasury, where such amounts shall be dedicated for the sole purpose of deficit reduction.

SECTION 298. FCC REPORT ON EFFICIENT USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY SPECTRUM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subtitle and every 2 years thereafter, the Commission shall, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary and the Director of NIST, conduct a study and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the spectrum allocated for public safety use.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall include—

- (1) an examination of how such spectrum is being used;
- (2) recommendations on how such spectrum may be used more efficiently;
- (3) an assessment of the feasibility of public safety entities relocating from other bands to the public safety broadband spectrum; and
- (4) an assessment of whether any spectrum made available by the relocation described in paragraph (3) could be returned to the Commission for reassignment through auction, including through use of incentive auction authority under subparagraph (G) of section 309(j)(8) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)), as added by section 273(a).

SECTION 299. PUBLIC SAFETY ROAMING AND PRIORITY ACCESS.

The Commission may adopt rules, if necessary in the public interest, to improve the ability of public safety users to roam onto commercial networks and to gain priority access to commercial networks in an emergency if –

- (1) The public safety entity equipment is technically compatible with the commercial network;
- (2) The commercial network is reasonably compensated;
- (3) Such access does not preempt or otherwise terminate or degrade all existing voice conversations or data sessions.

TITLE III – ASSISTANCE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND PATHWAYS BACK TO WORK

SUBTITLE A – SUPPORTING UNEMPLOYED WORKERS

SECTION 301. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Supporting Unemployed Workers Act of 2011”.

PART I – EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND CERTAIN EXTENDED BENEFITS PROVISIONS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SEC. 311. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM.