

Public TV and the FCC Spectrum Auction: A Mystery and an Opportunity

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Introduction

In the spring of 2016, the Federal Communications Commission began its long-awaited broadcast incentive auction — a major redistribution of the public airwaves. The FCC is urging television broadcasters to give up their channels or move elsewhere on the dial to clear large swaths of valuable spectrum. In return, the FCC is offering stations a hefty portion of the proceeds from auctioning off these newly empty channels to wireless companies.

The incentive auction presents a unique opportunity for communities. Across the country, state and local governments, along with public and private universities, hold noncommercial television licenses that are likely to be part of the auction. According to the FCC, some of these public-broadcasting licenses may be worth hundreds of millions of dollars, depending on their locations and the size of the populations they reach.

These are the public's airwaves, and their use has always come with public interest obligations. Public television stations stand to make a huge amount of money from the auction. Instead of using these revenues to fill short-term holes in state budgets or university endowments, those funds could be used to serve community-information needs. The Free Press Action Fund believes a significant portion of the proceeds could be used to support community-driven projects, responsive local journalism, serious investigative reporting and essential public media outlets.

While it's going on, the auction is something of a mystery. Participants are largely barred from talking about it or revealing their bidding strategies. Stations aren't required to say publicly whether they're participating in the auction — but they're not prohibited from doing so, either.

The Free Press Action Fund recently set out to determine which public TV stations are taking part. First we noted which stations had already publicly announced their intention to participate or not. Then in July, we contacted by phone all auction-eligible public broadcasters that had not yet publicized their plans. Here's what we found:

- 54 public TV stations confirmed that **yes**, they are participants in the auction.
- 87 public TV stations confirmed that **no**, they aren't participants in the auction.
- 40 stations **refused** to say whether they applied to participate.
- 104 stations **didn't respond** to the survey.

The participating stations the Free Press Action Fund identified are concentrated in 18 states and the District of Columbia. If they were to sell their spectrum at the maximum opening-bid prices, they would collectively stand to earn over \$14 billion.

Find the full list of all 285 stations and the data we collected about them and their auction status in the “Public Broadcasting Stations” spreadsheet following p.6.

How the Auction Works

The FCC's goal is to concentrate television broadcasters' use of spectrum inside a narrower band, then auction off the freed-up bandwidth to commercial interests, such as wireless companies.

The auction has two distinct parts. In the first phase (the "reverse" auction), the FCC will buy up bandwidth from commercial and noncommercial broadcasters, with a strategic eye toward opening up valuable swaths of the airwaves. In the second part (the "forward" auction), it will auction off the cleared bandwidth to wireless companies or other commercial bidders.

There are three ways broadcasters can take part in the auction. They can: 1) sell their licenses and stop broadcasting, 2) sell but maintain a signal through channel-sharing or 3) move "down the dial" from UHF to VHF channels. Some participating stations may eventually drop out during bidding as the FCC continuously lowers its offering prices.

The initial reverse auction was completed in June, with broadcasters across the country agreeing to clear 126 MHz of spectrum (the equivalent of 21 channels in each market) if they were paid [a total of \\$86 billion](#). The forward auction began in late August, but in its first round wireless carriers bid only \$22 billion to acquire the spectrum space.

To bring the broadcasters and wireless carriers closer together on a price, the incentive auction began its second round on Sept. 13, reducing its clearing target to 114 MHz to encourage wireless-carrier demand for the spectrum. The second reverse auction set a price of \$54.6 billion, but the second forward auction stayed steady at [\\$22 billion](#). Now a third auction stage must begin. If the two prices fail to match yet again, the incentive auction will move into subsequent rounds until the forward auction returns enough revenue to cover the costs of the reverse auction.

Many observers expect the process to be completed by the end of the year, though it will take much longer for the FCC to repack stations and distribute payments, a process that will stretch into 2017 and possibly beyond.

Solving the Mystery: Who's in the Auction?

The Free Press Action Fund began its survey of public TV stations with extensive online research about station plans to participate in the auction. Through that research, we confirmed the plans of 69 stations, including 29 that had joined the auction. In July, we contacted by phone all auction-eligible public broadcasters in the country that had not yet publicized their plans.

We confirmed the status of 72 additional stations. Of those 72 stations, 25 acknowledged for the first time publicly that, yes, they were participating in the auction. Another 47 said that they were not participating. Unfortunately, 103 stations did not respond to repeated calls and emails.

For the 40 stations that responded to our survey but would not reveal their plans, most explained their refusal to comment as a response to the FCC's anti-collusion rules. According to the FCC's guidance on prohibited communications (available [here](#)), reverse-auction participants are forbidden from sharing any information about bidding strategies to prevent collusion. "Bidding strategies" is a broad category that includes whether a station is still in the auction — however, the rules *do* permit stations to reveal whether they submitted initial applications to participate.

Even after we explained that we were asking only for information that would not violate the FCC rules, many stations claimed our interpretation was incorrect — or said the station had chosen not to share any information out of an overabundance of caution. Some referred to edicts handed down by stations' legal departments or university higher-ups. Some stations, including Oregon Public Broadcasting, refused to disclose their auction status but promised that none of their stations would go off the air.

One broadcaster, the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, claimed the FCC had recently sent new guidance banning stations from sharing any information. No such guidance has been made public. At KRSU-TV, licensed to Oklahoma's Rogers State University, the receptionist simply informed the caller that there was no one there we could speak to, no one we could leave a message for, and no good time to call back.

Meet the Participants

So where are the public TV stations entering the auction located? Who owns them? And how much money do they stand to earn if they sell their spectrum licenses?

Using the [FCC's publicly released data](#) regarding opening-bid values, the chart below shows the top public TV stations in the auction by maximum opening-bid value. 4

Top 15 Participating Public TV Stations by Maximum Opening-Bid Value

Station	Owner	Licensed City	State	Max Off-Air \$
WNJN	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Montclair	NJ	\$774,503,100
KVCR	San Bernardino Community College District	San Bernardino	CA	\$627,588,900
WNJT	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Trenton	NJ	\$580,503,600
KOCE	KOCE-TV Foundation	Huntington Beach	CA	\$580,269,600
KLCS	Los Angeles Unified School District	Los Angeles	CA	\$548,764,200
WNJS	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Camden	NJ	\$503,944,200
WNVC	Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation	Fairfax	VA	\$498,521,700
WLVT	Lehigh Valley Public Telecommunications Corporation	Allentown	PA	\$486,339,300
WYCC	College District #508 County of Cook	Chicago	IL	\$473,427,900
WNJB	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	New Brunswick	NJ	\$472,342,860
WHUT	Howard University	Washington	D.C.	\$460,273,500

WYIN	Northwest Indiana Public Broadcasting, Inc.	Gary	IN	\$429,635,700
WCMZ	Central Michigan University	Flint	MI	\$420,138,900
WNVT	Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation	Goldvein	VA	\$397,702,800
KCSM	San Mateo County Community College District	San Mateo	CA	\$372,513,600

This second chart uses the [same data](#) to show the top five states and top five markets (DMAs) that stand to earn the most revenue if all of their participating stations sell at their maximum opening-bid values.

Top States and Markets by Total Maximum Opening-Bid Value of Participating Stations

State	Total Max YES \$	Market (DMA)	Total Max YES \$
New Jersey	\$2,331,293,760	Los Angeles, CA	\$1,756,622,700
California	\$2,129,136,300	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,570,787,100
Virginia	\$1,363,837,500	Washington, D.C.	\$1,356,498,000
Indiana	\$1,315,202,400	New York, NY	\$1,246,845,960
Florida	\$1,215,383,400	Chicago, IL	\$903,063,600

Stations will likely sell for prices that are significantly lower than their opening bids, but these figures give a sense of just how much is at stake in this auction.

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Investing in Local Communities

When the incentive auction finally closes its last round of bidding, the FCC will pay out potentially billions of dollars to participating public television stations that sell off their spectrum licenses. According to a [study commissioned by Public Media Co.](#), these stations could earn up to \$6.8 billion in the auction.

State and local governments own some of these stations. Public and private colleges own others. As public broadcasters, these entities must meet certain public obligations, including providing educational and public affairs programming to serve their communities.

Right now communities across the country are struggling to find journalism that meets their needs and tells their stories. Traditional news outlets are in crisis, with decades of consolidation resulting in severe staffing cuts and reduced local coverage. Without consistent reporting on the issues that matter most, communities are less able to hold those in power accountable. Many public television stations could go off the air as a consequence of the spectrum auction, making it even harder for people to stay informed.

The auction is going to bring in hundreds of millions of dollars, some of which is already being earmarked to fill short-term budget gaps or shore up university endowments. The Free Press Action Fund believes the auction presents an opportunity to establish long-term support for responsive local journalism, innovative public media and other community-driven projects designed to meet local information needs. It's a chance to rebuild and reinvent local newsrooms across the country.

The Free Press Action Fund is launching a new campaign — starting in New Jersey and expanding to other markets — to educate the public about the opportunities the auction presents, develop proposals for ways this money could be used to serve community-information needs, and build the popular pressure and political will needed to seize on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Learn more about our campaign and get involved at [NewsVoices.org](https://www.newsvoices.org).

Public Broadcasting Stations Eligible for Participation in the 2016 FCC Incentive Auction

Station	Owner	Licensed City	State	Off-Air Opening Bid	Participating?
Total YES Stations					
KTEJ	Arkansas Educational Television Commission	Jonesboro	AR	\$79,683,300	Yes
KUAT-TV	Arizona Board of Regents for Benefit of University of Arizona	Tucson	AZ	\$144,209,700	Yes
KUAS-TV	Arizona Board of Regents for Benefit of University of Arizona	Tucson	AZ	\$103,167,000	Yes
KOCE-TV	KOCE-TV Foundation	Huntington Beach	CA	\$580,269,600	Yes
KLCS	Los Angeles Unified School District	Los Angeles	CA	\$548,764,200	Yes
KVCR-DT	San Bernardino Community College District	San Bernardino	CA	\$627,588,900	Yes
KCSM-TV	San Mateo County Community College District	San Mateo	CA	\$372,513,600	Yes
KRMA-TV	Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Network Inc	Denver	CO	\$244,093,500	Yes
KTSC	Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Network Inc	Pueblo	CO	\$76,050,900	Yes
WHUT-TV	Howard University	Washington	DC	\$460,273,500	Yes
WXEL-TV	Community Television Foundation of South Florida Inc	West Palm Beach	FL	\$342,508,500	Yes
WDSC-TV	Daytona State College	New Smyrna Beach	FL	\$258,227,100	Yes
WEFS	Eastern Florida State College	Cocoa	FL	\$265,476,600	Yes
WUSF-TV	University of South Florida	Tampa	FL	\$349,171,200	Yes
WYCC	College Dist #508 County of Cook	Chicago	IL	\$473,427,900	Yes
WEIU-TV	Eastern Illinois University	Charleston	IL	\$104,805,000	Yes
WTVP	Illinois Valley Pub Telecomm Corp	Peoria	IL	\$111,420,900	Yes
WIPB	Ball State University	Muncie	IN	\$276,435,900	Yes
WVUT	Board Of Trustees For The Vincennes Univ	Vincennes	IN	\$76,850,100	Yes
WFWA	Fort Wayne Public Television Inc	Fort Wayne	IN	\$160,447,500	Yes
WNIT	Michiana Public Broadcasting Corporation	South Bend	IN	\$189,752,400	Yes
WYIN	Northwest Indiana Public Broadcasting Inc	Gary	IN	\$429,635,700	Yes
WTIU	Trustees of Indiana University The	Bloomington	IN	\$182,080,800	Yes
WLPB-TV	Louisiana Educational Television Authority	Baton Rouge	LA	\$164,129,400	Yes
KLTS-TV	Louisiana Educational Television Authority	Shreveport	LA	\$129,244,500	Yes
KLPB-TV	Louisiana Educational Television Authority	Lafayette	LA	\$113,525,100	Yes
KLPA-TV	Louisiana Educational Television Authority	Alexandria	LA	\$86,174,100	Yes
KLTL-TV	Louisiana Educational Television Authority	Lake Charles	LA	\$79,202,700	Yes
KLTM-TV	Louisiana Educational Television Authority	Monroe	LA	\$63,873,360	Yes

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WNMU	Board of Control Northern Michigan University	Marquette	MI	\$24,743,880	Yes
WCMZ-TV	Central Michigan University	Flint	MI	\$420,138,900	Yes
WCMU-TV	Central Michigan University	Mount Pleasant	MI	\$143,383,500	Yes
WCMV	Central Michigan University	Cadillac	MI	\$102,734,100	Yes
WCML	Central Michigan University	Alpena	MI	\$60,957,000	Yes
WCMW	Central Michigan University	Manistee	MI	\$53,298,900	Yes
KMOS-TV	University of Central Missouri	Sedalia	MO	\$126,801,000	Yes
WNJN	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Montclair	NJ	\$774,503,100	Yes
WNJT	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Trenton	NJ	\$580,503,600	Yes
WNJS	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Camden	NJ	\$503,944,200	Yes
WNJB	New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	New Brunswick	NJ	\$472,342,860	Yes
WBGU-TV	Bowling Green State University	Bowling Green	OH	\$188,103,600	Yes
WOUB-TV	Ohio University	Athens	OH	\$151,713,900	Yes
WGTE-TV	Public Broadcasting Foundation of Nw Ohio	Toledo	OH	\$257,591,700	Yes
WLVT-TV	Lehigh Valley Public Telecommunications Corp	Allentown	PA	\$486,339,300	Yes
WVIA-TV	Northeastern Pennsylvania Educational Television Association	Scranton	PA	\$317,232,900	Yes
WTCI	Greater Chattanooga Public Television Corp	Chattanooga	TN	\$173,511,000	Yes
KNCT	Central Texas College	Belton	TX	\$246,181,500	Yes
WNVC	Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation	Fairfax	VA	\$498,521,700	Yes
WNVT	Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation	Goldvein	VA	\$397,702,800	Yes
WCVE-TV	Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation	Richmond	VA	\$186,986,700	Yes
WCVW	Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation	Richmond	VA	\$180,135,000	Yes
WHTJ	Commonwealth Public Broadcasting Corporation	Charlottesville	VA	\$100,491,300	Yes
WMVT	Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board	Milwaukee	WI	\$322,295,400	Yes
WMVS	Milwaukee Area Technical College District Board	Milwaukee	WI	\$183,618,900	Yes
Total NO Stations					
KAFT	Arkansas Educational Television Commission	Fayetteville	AR	\$92,589,480	No
KETS	Arkansas Educational Television Commission	Little Rock	AR	\$92,136,420	No
KETZ	Arkansas Educational Television Commission	El Dorado	AR	\$54,903,420	No

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KEMV	Arkansas Educational Television Commission	Mountain View	AR	\$46,749,420	No
KETG	Arkansas Educational Television Commission	Arkadelphia	AR	\$40,623,120	No
KAET	Arizona Board of Regents for Arizona State University	Phoenix	AZ	\$113,101,380	No
KPBS	Board of Trustees for San Diego Univ	San Diego	CA	\$218,327,400	No
KCET	Kcetlink	Los Angeles	CA	\$491,693,400	No
KQEH	Northern California Public Broadcasting Inc	San Jose	CA	\$444,743,100	No
KQED	Northern California Public Broadcasting Inc	San Francisco	CA	\$399,423,600	No
KQET	Northern California Public Broadcasting Inc	Watsonville	CA	\$214,823,700	No
WEDH	Connecticut Public Broadcasting Incorporated	Hartford	CT	\$423,079,200	No
WETA-TV	Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Assoc	Washington	DC	\$453,491,100	No
WGCU	Board of Trustees Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	FL	\$147,643,200	No
WUFT	Board of Trustees University of Florida	Gainesville	FL	\$184,575,600	No
WSRE	District Board of Trustees Pensacola State College FI	Pensacola	FL	\$148,346,100	No
WFSU-TV	Florida State University	Tallahassee	FL	\$105,672,600	No
WFSG	Florida State University	Panama City	FL	\$72,294,300	No
WEDU	Florida West Coast Public Broadcasting Inc	Tampa	FL	\$219,668,760	No
WUCF-TV	University of Central Florida	Orlando	FL	\$319,059,000	No
WNGH-TV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Chatsworth	GA	\$354,477,600	No
WGTV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Athens	GA	\$230,848,380	No
WJSP-TV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Columbus	GA	\$215,568,900	No
WMUM-TV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Cochran	GA	\$81,498,420	No
WVAN-TV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Savannah	GA	\$77,131,440	No
WXGA-TV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Waycross	GA	\$60,661,980	No
WACS-TV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Dawson	GA	\$55,630,260	No
WCES-TV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Wrens	GA	\$40,422,375	No
WABW-TV	Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission	Pelham	GA	\$37,310,400	No
KHET	Hawaii Public Television Foundation	Honolulu	HI	\$50,911,200	No
KMEB	Hawaii Public Television Foundation	Wailuku	HI	\$18,730,980	No
WQPT-TV	Western Illinois University	Moline	IL	\$91,811,700	No
KPTS	Kansas Public Telecommunications Service Inc	Hutchinson	KS	\$59,931,900	No
WKAR-TV	Board of Trustees Michigan State University	East Lansing	MI	\$206,728,200	No

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WDCQ-TV	Delta College	Bad Axe	MI	\$166,036,500	No
WTVS	Detroit Educational Television Foundation	Detroit	MI	\$480,053,700	No
WGVU-TV	Grand Valley State University	Grand Rapids	MI	\$125,837,820	No
WGVK	Grand Valley State University	Kalamazoo	MI	\$72,843,300	No
KAWF	Northern Minnesota Public Television Inc	Bemidji	MN	\$20,069,100	No
KWCM-TV	West Central Minnesota Ed'L TV Corp	Appleton	MN	\$32,360,040	No
KOZK	Board of Governors of Missouri State University	Springfield	MO	\$124,199,100	No
KOZJ	Board of Governors of Missouri State University	Joplin	MO	\$87,362,100	No
WMAH-TV	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	Biloxi	MS	\$140,190,300	No
WMAV-TV	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	Oxford	MS	\$137,764,800	No
WMPN-TV	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	Jackson	MS	\$136,055,700	No
WMAW-TV	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	Meridian	MS	\$135,887,400	No
WMAU-TV	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	Bude	MS	\$127,625,400	No
WMAO-TV	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	Greenwood	MS	\$89,226,000	No
WMAE-TV	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	Booneville	MS	\$71,594,820	No
WMAB-TV	Mississippi Authority for Educational Television	Mississippi State	MS	\$46,831,500	No
WUNC-TV	University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill	NC	\$394,740,000	No
WUNE-TV	University of North Carolina	Linville	NC	\$207,653,400	No
WUNP-TV	University of North Carolina	Roanoke Rapids	NC	\$150,939,900	No
WUNM-TV	University of North Carolina	Jacksonville	NC	\$140,958,000	No
KFME	Prairie Public Broadcasting Inc	Fargo	ND	\$35,921,880	No
KWSE	Prairie Public Broadcasting Inc	Williston	ND	\$11,537,100	No
KDSE	Prairie Public Broadcasting Inc	Dickinson	ND	\$9,871,740	No
KYNE-TV	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission	Omaha	NE	\$110,605,500	No
KXNE-TV	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission	Norfolk	NE	\$64,777,500	No
KPNE-TV	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission	North Platte	NE	\$16,042,860	No
KTNE-TV	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission	Alliance	NE	\$15,512,040	No
KMNE-TV	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission	Bassett	NE	\$11,025,180	No
KRNE-TV	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission	Merriman	NE	\$8,256,600	No
KUON-TV	University of Nebraska	Lincoln	NE	\$93,242,340	No
WNYE-TV	New York City Dept of Info Technology & Telecommunications	New York	NY	\$769,028,400	No

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KUSD-TV	South Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications	Vermillion	SD	\$84,956,400	No
KCSD-TV	South Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications	Sioux Falls	SD	\$55,649,700	No
KESD-TV	South Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications	Brookings	SD	\$25,716,960	No
KTSD-TV	South Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications	Pierre	SD	\$15,729,120	No
KQSD-TV	South Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications	Lowry	SD	\$9,105,480	No
KZSD-TV	South Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications	Martin	SD	\$8,904,600	No
KPSD-TV	South Dakota Board of Directors for Educational Telecommunications	Eagle Butte	SD	\$6,791,580	No
WKNO	Mid-South Public Communications Foundation	Memphis	TN	\$176,346,900	No
WNPT	Nashville Public Television Inc	Nashville	TN	\$127,550,160	No
KUHT	University of Houston System	Houston	TX	\$179,480,880	No
KUEN	Utah State Board of Regents	Ogden	UT	\$109,026,900	No
KBTC-TV	Bates Technical College	Tacoma	WA	\$244,871,100	No
KCKA	Bates Technical College	Centralia	WA	\$123,776,100	No
KSPS-TV	Friends of KSPS	Spokane	WA	\$44,690,400	No
KCTS-TV	KCTS Television	Seattle	WA	\$109,269,000	No
WHA-TV	Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System	Madison	WI	\$201,608,100	No
WPNE-TV	Wisconsin Educational Communications Board	Green Bay	WI	\$133,998,300	No
WHWC-TV	Wisconsin Educational Communications Board	Menomonie	WI	\$129,586,500	No
WHLA-TV	Wisconsin Educational Communications Board	La Crosse	WI	\$99,037,800	No
WHRM-TV	Wisconsin Educational Communications Board	Wausau	WI	\$89,781,300	No
WLEF-TV	Wisconsin Educational Communications Board	Park Falls	WI	\$56,501,100	No
KWYP-DT	Central Wyoming College	Laramie	WY	\$11,371,320	No
Total REFUSE Stations					
KVIE	KVIE Inc	Sacramento	CA	\$273,790,260	Refuse
KRCB	Rural California Broadcasting Corp	Cotati	CA	\$353,003,400	Refuse
KVPT	Valley Public Television Inc d/b/a Valley PBS	Fresno	CA	\$167,002,200	Refuse
KBDI-TV	Colorado Public Television Inc	Broomfield	CO	\$159,567,840	Refuse
WBEC-TV	School Board of Broward County Fl	Boca Raton	FL	\$288,088,200	Refuse
WILL-TV	Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	Urbana	IL	\$107,412,480	Refuse
WSEC	West Central Illinois Educational Telecommunications Corp	Jacksonville	IL	\$101,251,800	Refuse

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WMEC	West Central Illinois Educational Telecommunications Corp	Macomb	IL	\$62,640,000	Refuse
WQEC	West Central Illinois Educational Telecommunications Corp	Quincy	IL	\$48,152,700	Refuse
KSWK	Smoky Hills Public Television Corp	Lakin	KS	\$10,648,260	Refuse
WKYU-TV	Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	KY	\$103,494,600	Refuse
WMEA-TV	Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation	Biddeford	ME	\$102,684,600	Refuse
WCBB	Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation	Augusta	ME	\$64,351,260	Refuse
WMEB-TV	Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation	Orono	ME	\$31,122,360	Refuse
KCPT	Public Television 19 Inc	Kansas City	MO	\$204,962,400	Refuse
WENH-TV	New Hampshire Public Broadcasting	Durham	NH	\$203,718,240	Refuse
WCFE-TV	Mountain Lake Public Telecommunications Council	Plattsburgh	NY	\$108,484,200	Refuse
WCNY-TV	Public Broadcasting Council of Central New York	Syracuse	NY	\$188,160,300	Refuse
WNED-TV	Western New York Public Broadcasting Association	Buffalo	NY	\$210,556,800	Refuse
WNEO	Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio Inc	Alliance	OH	\$355,764,600	Refuse
WEAO	Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio Inc	Akron	OH	\$334,247,400	Refuse
WOSU-TV	Ohio State University	Columbus	OH	\$319,471,200	Refuse
WPBO	Ohio State University	Portsmouth	OH	\$138,478,500	Refuse
KRSU-TV	Board Of Regents Of The University Of Oklahoma/Rogers State	Claremore	OK	\$129,954,600	Refuse
KOED-TV	Oklahoma Educational Television Authority	Tulsa	OK	\$106,836,300	Refuse
KETA-TV	Oklahoma Educational Television Authority	Oklahoma City	OK	\$91,284,300	Refuse
KOPB-TV	Oregon Public Broadcasting	Portland	OR	\$106,031,700	Refuse
KOAC-TV	Oregon Public Broadcasting	Corvallis	OR	\$80,354,700	Refuse
KEPB-TV	Oregon Public Broadcasting	Eugene	OR	\$78,501,600	Refuse
KSYS	Southern Oregon Public TV Inc	Medford	OR	\$43,635,240	Refuse
WQLN	Public Broadcasting of Northwest Pennsylvania Inc	Erie	PA	\$125,388,900	Refuse
WLJT-DT	West Tennessee Public TV Council Inc	Lexington	TN	\$95,902,200	Refuse
KLRU	Capital of Texas Public Telecommunications Council	Austin	TX	\$288,729,000	Refuse
KUED	University of Utah	Salt Lake City	UT	\$111,210,300	Refuse
WSBN-TV	Blue Ridge Public Television Inc	Norton	VA	\$161,065,800	Refuse
WMSY-TV	Blue Ridge Public Television Inc	Marion	VA	\$119,948,400	Refuse
WBRA-TV	Blue Ridge Public Television Inc	Roanoke	VA	\$60,400,350	Refuse
WVPT	Shenandoah Valley Educational Television Corporation	Staunton	VA	\$82,799,820	Refuse

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WVPY	WVPY LLC	Front Royal	VA	\$212,265,900	Refuse
KWSU-TV	Washington State University	Pullman	WA	\$45,316,260	Refuse
Total DIDN'T RESPOND Stations					
WCIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Mount Cheaha	AL	\$222,589,080	Didn't Respond
WHIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Huntsville	AL	\$188,518,500	Didn't Respond
WEIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Mobile	AL	\$134,947,800	Didn't Respond
WFIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Florence	AL	\$132,380,100	Didn't Respond
WAIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Montgomery	AL	\$119,705,400	Didn't Respond
WBIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Birmingham	AL	\$98,531,100	Didn't Respond
WGIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Louisville	AL	\$91,581,300	Didn't Respond
WIIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Demopolis	AL	\$88,093,800	Didn't Respond
WDIQ	Alabama Educational Television Commission	Dozier	AL	\$67,973,040	Didn't Respond
KMTP-TV	Minority Television Project	San Francisco	CA	\$409,172,400	Didn't Respond
KIXE-TV	Northern California Educational Television Association Inc	Redding	CA	\$31,490,100	Didn't Respond
WHYY-TV	WHYY Inc	Wilmington	DE	\$345,335,400	Didn't Respond
WPBT	Community Television Foundation of South Florida Inc	Miami	FL	\$273,260,700	Didn't Respond
WLRN-TV	School Board of Miami-Dade County Florida	Miami	FL	\$273,392,100	Didn't Respond
WJCT	WJCT Inc	Jacksonville	FL	\$92,513,340	Didn't Respond
WPBA	Board of Education of the City of Atlanta	Atlanta	GA	\$317,665,800	Didn't Respond
KRIN	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Waterloo	IA	\$143,658,900	Didn't Respond
KHIN	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Red Oak	IA	\$137,799,000	Didn't Respond
KYIN	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Mason City	IA	\$116,693,100	Didn't Respond
KIIN	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Iowa City	IA	\$114,058,260	Didn't Respond
KBIN-TV	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Council Bluffs	IA	\$102,421,800	Didn't Respond
KQIN	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Davenport	IA	\$87,768,900	Didn't Respond
KDIN-TV	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Des Moines	IA	\$80,804,520	Didn't Respond
KSIN-TV	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Sioux City	IA	\$71,854,200	Didn't Respond
KTIN	Iowa Public Broadcasting Board	Fort Dodge	IA	\$70,580,700	Didn't Respond
KUID-TV	State Board of Education State of Idaho	Moscow	ID	\$30,713,040	Didn't Respond
WSIU-TV	Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University	Carbondale	IL	\$108,019,980	Didn't Respond

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WTTW	Window to the World Communications Inc	Chicago	IL	\$514,311,300	Didn't Respond
WFYI	Metropolitan Indianapolis Pub B/Cing	Indianapolis	IN	\$246,584,700	Didn't Respond
WNIN	WNIN Tri-State Public Media Inc	Evansville	IN	\$83,612,520	Didn't Respond
KTWU	Washburn University of Topeka	Topeka	KS	\$105,194,160	Didn't Respond
WCVN-TV	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Covington	KY	\$204,309,900	Didn't Respond
WKPC-TV	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Louisville	KY	\$180,942,300	Didn't Respond
WKMJ-TV	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Louisville	KY	\$179,976,600	Didn't Respond
WKZT-TV	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Elizabethtown	KY	\$175,840,200	Didn't Respond
WKON	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Owenton	KY	\$171,730,800	Didn't Respond
WKLE	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Lexington	KY	\$125,389,800	Didn't Respond
WKSO-TV	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Somerset	KY	\$120,127,500	Didn't Respond
WKOH	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Owensboro	KY	\$117,140,400	Didn't Respond
WKAS	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Ashland	KY	\$103,869,900	Didn't Respond
WKMA-TV	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Madisonville	KY	\$102,243,600	Didn't Respond
WKMR	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Morehead	KY	\$100,066,500	Didn't Respond
WKHA	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Hazard	KY	\$91,870,200	Didn't Respond
WKPI-TV	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Pikeville	KY	\$90,253,800	Didn't Respond
WKGB-TV	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Bowling Green	KY	\$87,113,700	Didn't Respond
WKMU	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Murray	KY	\$72,900,900	Didn't Respond
WKPD	Kentucky Authority for Ed'L TV	Paducah	KY	\$64,845,000	Didn't Respond
WLAE-TV	Educational Broadcasting Foundation Inc	New Orleans	LA	\$132,529,500	Didn't Respond
WYES-TV	Greater New Orleans Educational Television Foundation	New Orleans	LA	\$123,186,960	Didn't Respond
WGBH-TV	WGBH Educational Foundation	Boston	MA	\$474,874,200	Didn't Respond
WGBX-TV	WGBH Educational Foundation	Boston	MA	\$452,103,300	Didn't Respond
WGBY-TV	WGBH Educational Foundation	Springfield	MA	\$256,380,300	Didn't Respond
WMPT	Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission	Annapolis	MD	\$504,475,200	Didn't Respond
WDSE	Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation	Duluth	MN	\$32,988,600	Didn't Respond
KSMQ-TV	KSMQ Public Service Media Inc	Austin	MN	\$89,163,000	Didn't Respond
KTCA-TV	Twin Cities Public Television Inc	Saint Paul	MN	\$207,886,500	Didn't Respond
KTCT-TV	Twin Cities Public Television Inc	St. Paul	MN	\$199,761,300	Didn't Respond
KETC	St Louis Regional Public Media Inc	St. Louis	MO	\$203,993,100	Didn't Respond

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KUFM-TV	The University of Montana	Missoula	MT	\$18,447,480	Didn't Respond
WTVI	Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte	NC	\$152,810,820	Didn't Respond
WNET	WNET	Newark	NJ	\$440,772,840	Didn't Respond
WPBS-DT	St Lawrence Valley Educational TV Council Inc	Watertown	NY	\$87,897,600	Didn't Respond
WNPI-DT	St Lawrence Valley Educational TV Council Inc	Norwood	NY	\$76,492,800	Didn't Respond
WMHT	WMHT Educational Telecommunications	Schenectady	NY	\$193,636,800	Didn't Respond
WLIW	WNET	Garden City	NY	\$671,371,200	Didn't Respond
WSKG-TV	Wskg Public Telecommunications Council	Binghamton	NY	\$133,338,600	Didn't Respond
WSKA	Wskg Public Telecommunications Council	Corning	NY	\$100,483,200	Didn't Respond
WXXI-TV	WXXI Public Broadcasting Council	Rochester	NY	\$188,054,100	Didn't Respond
WCET	Greater Cincinnati Television Educational Foundation	Cincinnati	OH	\$298,176,300	Didn't Respond
WPTD	Greater Dayton Public Television Inc	Dayton	OH	\$336,225,600	Didn't Respond
WPTO	Greater Dayton Public Television Inc	Oxford	OH	\$283,518,000	Didn't Respond
WVIZ	ideastream	Cleveland	OH	\$332,132,400	Didn't Respond
WYBE	Independence Public Media of Philadelphia Inc	Philadelphia	PA	\$553,251,600	Didn't Respond
WPSU-TV	Pennsylvania State University	Clearfield	PA	\$147,352,500	Didn't Respond
WITF-TV	WITF Inc	Harrisburg	PA	\$216,540,000	Didn't Respond
WQED	WQED Multimedia	Pittsburgh	PA	\$175,378,500	Didn't Respond
WSBE-TV	Rhode Island PBS Foundation	Providence	RI	\$277,425,900	Didn't Respond
WNSC-TV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Rock Hill	SC	\$242,611,200	Didn't Respond
WRET-TV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Spartanburg	SC	\$201,094,200	Didn't Respond
WRLK-TV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Columbia	SC	\$173,090,700	Didn't Respond
WNEH	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Greenwood	SC	\$172,737,900	Didn't Respond
WRJA-TV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Sumter	SC	\$164,684,700	Didn't Respond
WNTV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Greenville	SC	\$156,614,040	Didn't Respond
WJWJ-TV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Beaufort	SC	\$123,121,800	Didn't Respond
WJPM-TV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Florence	SC	\$121,189,500	Didn't Respond
WEBA-TV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Allendale	SC	\$116,091,900	Didn't Respond
WHMC	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Conway	SC	\$93,324,420	Didn't Respond
WITV	South Carolina Educational Television Commission	Charleston	SC	\$74,345,040	Didn't Respond
WETP-TV	East Tennessee Public Communications Corp	Sneedville	TN	\$231,144,300	Didn't Respond

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WKOP-TV	East Tennessee Public Communications Corp	Knoxville	TN	\$187,163,100	Didn't Respond
WCTE	Upper Cumberland Broadcast Council	Cookeville	TN	\$131,519,700	Didn't Respond
KLRN	Alamo Public Telecommunications Council	San Antonio	TX	\$117,270,180	Didn't Respond
KACV-TV	Amarillo Junior College District	Amarillo	TX	\$25,337,340	Didn't Respond
KERA-TV	North Texas Public Broadcasting Inc	Dallas	TX	\$300,285,900	Didn't Respond
KAMU-TV	Texas A&M University Utilities & Energy Services	Collegestation/Bryan	TX	\$42,132,420	Didn't Respond
KBYU-TV	Brigham Young University	Provo	UT	\$113,517,000	Didn't Respond
WHRO-TV	Hampton Roads Educational Telecommunications Association Inc	Hampton-Norfolk	VA	\$239,957,100	Didn't Respond
WVTA	Vermont ETV Inc	Windsor	VT	\$166,339,800	Didn't Respond
WETK	Vermont ETV Inc	Burlington	VT	\$135,075,600	Didn't Respond
WVTB	Vermont ETV Inc	St. Johnsbury	VT	\$83,495,700	Didn't Respond
WVER	Vermont ETV Inc	Rutland	VT	\$62,847,900	Didn't Respond
WNPB-TV	West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority	Morgantown	WV	\$222,367,500	Didn't Respond
WVPB-TV	West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority	Huntington	WV	\$109,621,800	Didn't Respond
WSWP-TV	West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority	Grandview	WV	\$66,040,920	Didn't Respond