



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT)

Afghanistan Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (ATRA)

Press Release

Tender for License to Utilize Afghanistan's Allotted Satellite Orbital Slot Launched

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Afghanistan has launched an international competitive tender for a single license to position and operate a communications satellite at the ITU-allocated geostationary orbital position for Afghanistan (50°E) and/or associated planned frequencies.

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) is responsible for information communication technology (ICT) development throughout Afghanistan. In order to facilitate rural ICT development and improve access to telecommunications services, MCIT has taken a decision to license its ITU-allocated geostationary orbital position (50°E) and/or associated planned frequencies, by virtue of an international competitive tender that will be conducted by the Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority (ATRA).

This satellite licensing initiative provides an opportunity for the commercial satellite communications industry to competitively access the regional satellite capacity market while meeting basic Afghanistan government telecommunications requirements.

Proponents should note that the provisioning of earth terminals is not included as a requirement under this Tender.

A wealth of information on the Afghan market, including demographics, the legal-regulatory framework and complete announcement and tender, can be found, free of charge at: www.atra.gov.af and www.mcit.gov.af.

The bidding proposal packages shall be delivered to the following address before the deadline as given in the Tender:

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