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## **Commerce's NTIA Seeks Participants for Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed**

*Pilot Program to study feasibility of increased spectrum sharing  
between federal, and commercial users*

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**WASHINGTON** -- The Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced today in a public notice that the agency will be soliciting participation in the Spectrum Sharing Innovation Test-Bed (Test-Bed). Participants must notify NTIA of their interest by Feb. 29, 2008.

"The Test-Bed will drive future innovation and the expansion of sharing to benefit government and commercial users, and will build on the successful sharing arrangements at 5 GHz," Acting Assistant Secretary Meredith A. Baker said. "The Test-Bed also will explore innovative ways to make greater use of the nation's airwaves and promote continued economic growth and national security."

President Bush's Spectrum Policy Initiative recommended the Test-Bed proposal to enable federal and non-federal users of spectrum to test ideas on new ways to share the finite airwaves.

The Test-Bed will examine Dynamic Spectrum Access technologies employing spectrum sensing and/or geo-location techniques in the 410-420 MHz frequency range. To address potential interference to incumbent spectrum users, the Test-Bed will be performed in multiple phases that include both laboratory and field measurements. A public process will be used to review Test-Bed documents.

The Federal Communications Commission also will designate spectrum and provide guidelines for participation in the Test-Bed through a separate public notice. To read about the FCC public notice, go to [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov).

For a copy of the NTIA notice, go to [www.ntia.doc.gov](http://www.ntia.doc.gov).

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