



**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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Washington, D.C. 20554

June 21, 2022

**VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL**

Robert Bernard  
Louisiana Television Broadcasting, LLC  
P.O. Box 190909  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

**Re: TV BROADCASTER RELOCATION FUND IN-DEPTH DATA VALIDATION**

Station KBTR-CD, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Facility ID No. 24977

Dear Robert Bernard:

The above-referenced station has been selected for an In-Depth Data Validation (IDV) of reimbursement requests submitted for payment from the TV Broadcaster Relocation Fund.<sup>1</sup> In order to determine whether the reimbursement requests submitted by the station on its FCC Form 2100, Schedule 399 were reasonably incurred, reimbursed to the third-party vendors as detailed in the stations submission, and otherwise consistent with the rules and regulations governing this program, the station must provide written answers to the questions set out below, along with any supplementary documentation requested.

During the reimbursement request review process, a Request For Information (RFI) was submitted to the station for Technical Services Group, Inc., Invoice #204911. The response received stated Invoice #204911, for \$100,000.00, was submitted as a “placeholder”. Additional clarification received indicated the invoice was intentionally submitted with an estimated amount to meet the invoice submission deadline until the actual invoice and incurred expenses could be created.

To verify that no other “placeholder” invoices for Technical Services Group, Inc. were submitted for reimbursement, the following invoices are the subject of this IDV:

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Invoice Number</b>	<b>Reimbursed Costs</b>	<b>Reimbursed Date</b>
Technical Services Group, Inc.	204307	\$5,184.75	5/29/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-1.3	\$2,373.08	7/29/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-1.4	\$168,306.97	10/27/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-1.5	\$7,685.98	5/19/2021
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-2.2	\$18,639.97	5/31/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-2.3	\$6,400.00	5/31/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-2.4	\$1,125.99	5/31/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-2.5	\$6,400.00	5/31/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-3.1	\$21,025.42	5/31/2020

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<sup>1</sup> See *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6567, 6825-26, paras. 631-36 (2014).

Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-4.1	\$10,000.00	5/31/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-4.2	\$9,375.00	5/31/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-4.3	\$149,276.76	5/26/2021
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-4.4	\$63,678.43	5/31/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-4.4B	\$2,875.89	5/31/2020
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-4.4C	\$94,386.43	5/30/2021
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-4.4c-3	\$30,618.75	9/30/2021
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-4.4e	\$58,886.87	11/30/2021
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-6.03	\$16,463.89	6/28/2021
Technical Services Group, Inc.	KBTR-6.04	\$6,650.00	5/31/2020

To comply with this IDV, please provide proof of payment for the invoices listed above. Proof of payment should consist of third-party documentation demonstrating that the reimbursed funds have been disbursed to the vendor in the amount of the invoice. Such evidence should consist of copies of cancelled checks, banking institution statements detailing the disbursement, wire or electronic fund transfer confirmations, credit card statements, or other relevant third-party banking information. Additionally, please provide the invoices that match the amount paid to the vendor.

In addition, please formally certify that all invoices that have been submitted for reimbursement are not “placeholders” and all work was performed for the amount invoiced.

Written responses and supporting documents must be uploaded as an attachment to the station’s FCC Schedule 2100, Form 399 in the Commission’s Licensing and Management System (LMS),<sup>2</sup> with a copy provided to the undersigned at [Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov](mailto:Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov) by July 15, 2022.

Failure to fully and timely respond may result in recovery of some or all of the reimbursement payments identified herein. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this data validation may constitute a violation of the Communications Act and/or Federal Communications Commission rules and be subject to enforcement action.<sup>3</sup>

Sincerely,

/s/

Barbara Kreisman  
Chief, Video Division  
Media Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission

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<sup>2</sup> See *Incentive Auction Broadcaster Relocation Reimbursement System – FCC Form 2100, Schedule 399 User’s Guide* for information on uploading attachments (available at <https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/Form%20399%20Broadcaster%20Users%20Guide.pdf>)

<sup>3</sup> See 18 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.*; see also 47 CFR § 1.17.