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Dear National Spectrum Consortium Members,

In October 2020, the Department of Defense announced contract awards to multiple contractors with a combined ceiling value of \$600 million, to perform testing and evaluation of 5G technologies at five military installations across the country. This initial Tranche 1 effort represents the largest and most diverse full-scale 5G technology test for dual-use applications in the world.

Tranche 1 is structured in three phases with review points for each effort. As phases are completed, progress is evaluated and determinations made regarding continued performance of the work. Tranche 1 sites have reached the experimental phase, following initial test, evaluation and validation of vendor solutions. The next phase involves analysis of constraint and challenges effecting application across the Department.

Tranche 2, is also based on a phased approach, beginning with initial awards. Tranche 2 is in the initial award phase. Joint Base San Antonio will proceed as planned with proposals evaluations, and vendors will be selected for the work in the coming weeks.

The Department of Defense (DoD) notified four performers on selected Tranche 1 5G experimentation tasks, that work should cease until further notice. The Department will communicate with those notified performers to explain the decision and make necessary revisions on the scope of work and paths forward. DoD is committed to the remainder of the agreements in place and, consistent with those agreements, the Department reserves the right to continue refining its experimental progress in each phase, as envisioned at the outset of this initiative.

Communication is a foundational element of the strong partnership between the Department and the National Spectrum Consortium (NSC) in executing this critical work. DoD looks forward to working with NSC to help address new and emerging opportunities to enhance 5G experiment efforts.

Sincerely,

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