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MEMORANDUM FOR PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
FOR SUSTAINMENT

FROM: SAF/IEI

1665 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20330-1665

SUBJECT: Permits for Broadband Infrastructure

The Air Force's (AF) permitting process for broadband infrastructure fully complied with the MOBILE NOW Act, section 606 by 30 Aug 19. The MOBILE NOW Act requires executive agencies to either grant or deny "a duly filed application" for access within 270 days. The Act also requires General Services (GSA) Administration to develop a common form for application for easements, rights-of-way and leases for the right to install, construct, modify or maintain a communications facility installation for use by agencies, unless the head of the executive agency notifies GSA what it will use a substantially similar application.

The AF informed GSA, that it would use a substantially similar form for applications. The AF uses a competitive process in compliance with the granting statute, 10 USC 2667 for application and processing of requests to access AF installations for Broadband, regardless of receipt of unsolicited proposals. The AF obtains best value for use of the property and does not consider an application to be "duly filed" until completion of the competitive process.

The AF does not have a centralized process for receiving requests to access or use real property. The AF delegated authority to grant 5-year leases (under 10 USC 2667) to Installation Commanders. Post-competition, the granting process takes approximately 180 days. During the process, AF provides parties a point of contact at the installation for updates. As part of the competitive process, the AF grants or denies the application, provides an explanation for denials, and completes the environmental analysis.

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Sincerely,

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