

India's 3G auction schedule published

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India's 3G auction looks to get closer, finally. It has been postponed numerous times, but for a few months now the government ministers have been talking about having the auction before the end of the year. Whether or not this will happen is still uncertain, but it is promising that the Department of Telecommunications has now published the timeline for the auction. There will be altogether 10 mileposts before the auction which is scheduled to be held on the 7th of December:

- Release of Revised Information Memorandum 29-09-09
- Deadline for submission of questions for pre-bid conference 08-10-09
- Pre-bid conference 12-10-09
- Issue of clarifications, if any 22-10-09
- Notice Inviting Applications 26-10-09
- Final date for Applications 13-11-09
- Publication of ownership details of Applicants 18-11-09
- Bidder Ownership Compliance Certificate 23-11-09
- Pre-qualification of Bidders 27-11-09
- Mock Auction 03-12-09
- Start of the 3G-WCDMA Auction 07-12-09
- Start of the EVDO and BWA Auctions: 2 days after the close of the 3G-WCDMA Auction

As seen from the list, the BWA auction is still tied to the schedule of the 3G auction, starting two days after the end of the 3G auction.