



## Press Release

### **NFCP 1 TO BE AWARDED TO SUCCESSFUL LICENSEES IN EARLY JANUARY 2020**

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- **The main industry players have agreed to collaborate in finding the best solution for infrastructure sharing**
- **NFCP Operations Room to monitor the performance and deployment of NFCP**

**CYBERJAYA, 9 December 2019** --- The NFCP 1 will be awarded to the successful licensees which have been selected through a tender process in early January 2020.

NFCP 1 involves 153 locations comprising of 94 *mukim* in eight (8) states, namely Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Terengganu and Sabah. The selected licensees are required to install network facilities and deploy network services for the provisioning of public cellular services using 3G and 4G technology with an average speed of 30 Megabits per second (Mbps).

Meanwhile, MCMC has issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) for NFCP 2 on 15 November 2019. NFCP 2 involves 500 locations comprising 210 *mukim* in 10 states, namely Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Terengganu, Sabah and Sarawak. Under NFCP 2, the licensees are also required to install network facilities and deploy network services for the provisioning of public cellular services using 3G and 4G technology with an average speed of 30 Mbps. Licensees will have to submit their bids by 31 March 2020.

NFCP 1 and NFCP 2 will be funded via the Universal Service Provision (USP) Fund, in accordance with the objectives specified in the Communications and Multimedia (Universal Service Provision) Regulations 2002.

The breakdown of locations by states for NFCP 1 and NFCP 2 is as indicated below:

<b>State</b>	<b>Number of Locations</b>
Johor	40
Kedah	34
Kelantan	52
Melaka	4
Negeri Sembilan	21
Pahang	73
Perak	32
Sabah	165
Sarawak	185
Terengganu	47

An announcement of the successful licensees appointed pursuant to the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission's (MCMC) tender process will be made at [www.nfcp.my](http://www.nfcp.my).

In order to achieve the targets of NFCP expediently and in the most cost effective way, existing infrastructure has to be leveraged upon, through the sharing of both mobile and fixed infrastructure and to minimise duplication of new infrastructure through coordinated planning. For that purpose, the main industry players have agreed to collaborate in relation to infrastructure sharing and coordinate their planning to ensure more locations are covered with digital infrastructure.

Yang Berhormat Gobind Singh Deo, Minister of Communications and Multimedia Malaysia said, " In line with Shared Prosperity Vision 2030, the NFCP 1 and 2 projects will benefit the *Rakyat* throughout the

country. I would also like to applaud the State Governments and Local Authorities which have facilitated NFCP-related initiatives by expediting the relevant approval processes at the state level, including fee reduction. I also understand that for the first time, key players within the industry have agreed to collaborate to find the best solution to share their infrastructure. It is hoped that this sharing will accelerate the achievement of the NFCP targets in a cost effective manner. “

An NFCP Operations Room has been set up by MCMC, and installed with the relevant metrics and dashboards, focusing on NFCP targets, quality of experience, quality of service, and project monitoring purposes. This data-driven approach will enable MCMC to monitor the performance and deployment of NFCP more effectively.

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