The Federal E-Rate Program in South Carolina Funding Year 2015-16

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General Goal

To bring the world to South Carolina's youth through the Internet.

Today's Overview

State K-12 Schools & Libraries Network

State Master Contracts

Federal E-Rate Program Updates

Important Deadlines

State K-12 Schools & Libraries Network

Bandwidth Allocation Policy Revisions

Internet Access

- Special Schools

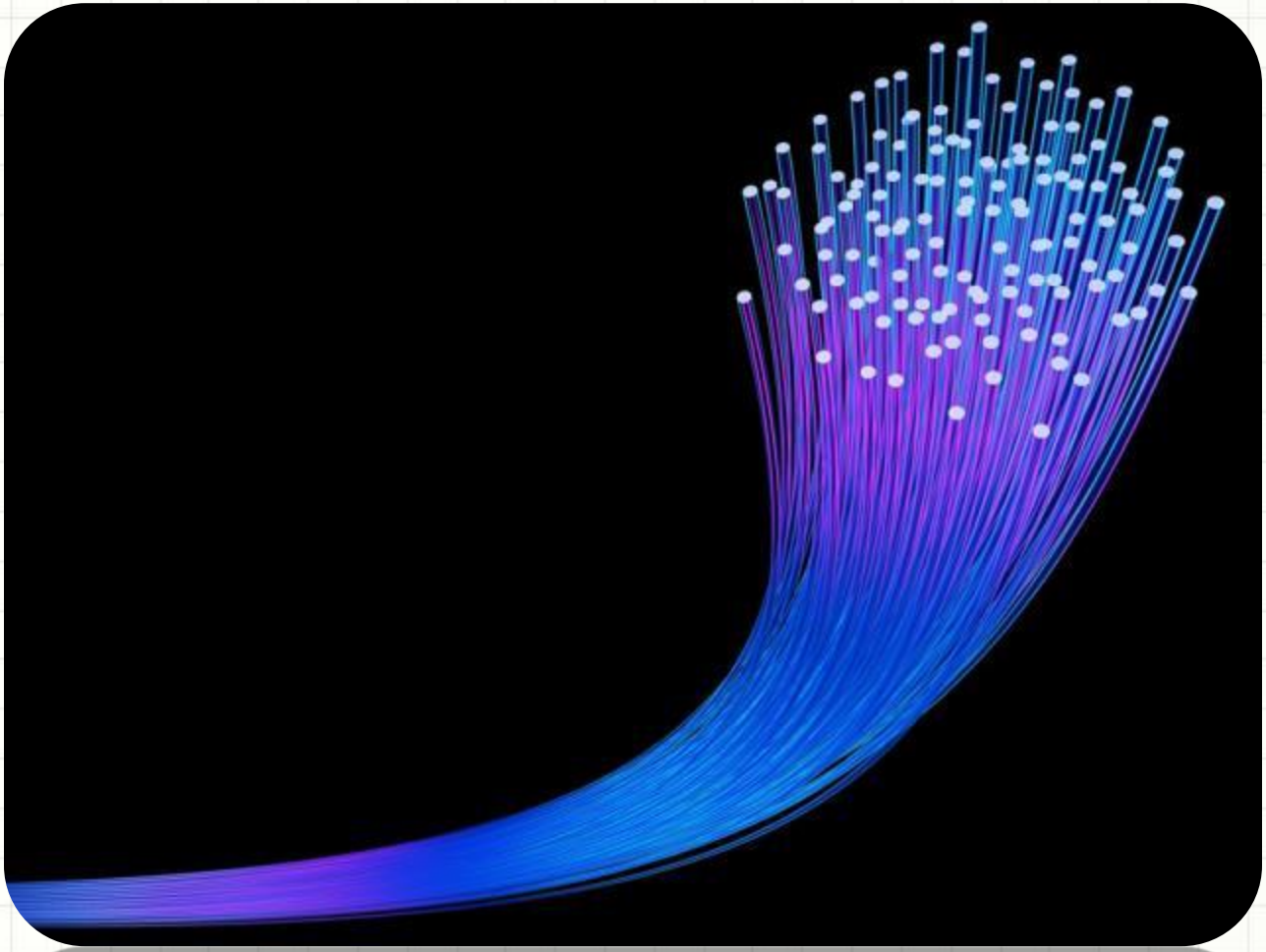
Private-Side WAN/LAN

- Libraries

https://sck12techinit.sc.gov/content/bandwidth-allocation-policies

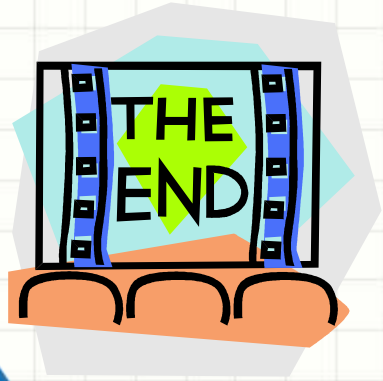
State K-12 Schools & Libraries Network

Bandwidth Allocation Project-Phase IV



State Master Contracts

- Voice Over IP (VOIP) RFP
- WSCA--NASPO Agreements
- Computer Equipment



- Various Network Product Agreements

A Cellular RFP will not be issued, continue doing your own Form 470 and mini-bid evaluation process.

Don't Shot the Messenger!

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E-Rate Program Rules (FCC)…Procedures (USAC)

Federal E-Rate Program Updates

FY 2015-16
Eligible Services List
Released: 10/28/2014

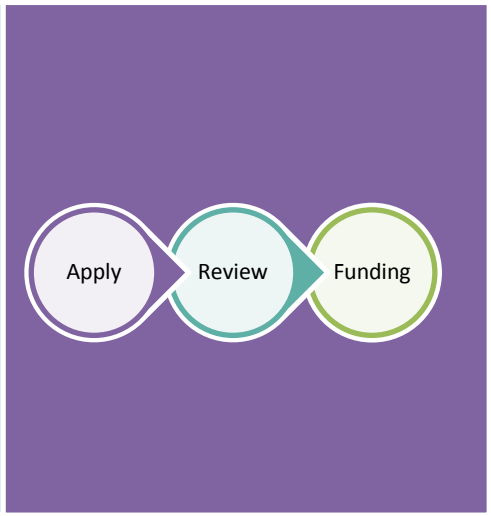
FY 2015-16

High-Speed Broadband

Federal E-Rate Program Updates

FY 2015-16

Three Goals



Federal E-Rate Program Updates

FY 2015-16

- Ten year document retention rules
- Three year warranty limit
- Funding support for services regarded as non essential to broadband connectivity

  - **Ineligible Examples:** Webhosting, email, voicemail, paging, custom calling

  - ***Phase Down Support Examples**: POTS, Local and long distance phone service, Centrex, Cellular, interconnected VoIP

*** 20 % Funding Support Reduction Starting FY 2015-16**

Federal E-Rate Program Updates

FY 2015-16

- Restricted eligibility for Wireless Data Plans
- Predicable second priority funding
- $1 Billion dedicated for Wi-Fi (2015 & 2016)
- Easier application filing process
- Faster funding commitments
- Migration to electronic forms
- Technology Plan requirement removed

*** Approved Technology Plans are required for state level funding compliance**

Federal E-Rate Program Updates

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- Name Changes
  - Priority-1 (Category-1)
  - Priority-2 (Category-2)

- Discount Calculations
  - District-wide Discount
  - Category-2: 5-year Budget, (tier max 85%)
  - Urban/Rural Classification
  - National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Alternative "Community Eligibility Provision"
  - Collected Income Surveys

Federal E-Rate Program Updates

District-wide Discount Example

School	ADA	NSLP/CEP Identified Students	U/R Status
School A	100	50	R
School B	100	30	U
School C	100	44	U
School D	100	25	R
School E	100	31	R
Total:	**500**	**180**	**Majority?**
District-wide	**36%**		**R**
District-wide Category -1 E-Rate Discount	**70%**	**District-wide Category -2 E-Rate Discount**	**70%**

Federal E-Rate Program Updates

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Revised Discount Matrix

% of students eligible for National School Lunch Program	Category one schools and libraries discount matrix — Discount level: Urban discount	Category one schools and libraries discount matrix — Discount level: Rural discount	Category two schools and libraries discount matrix — Discount level: Urban discount	Category two schools and libraries discount matrix — Discount level: Rural discount
< 1	20	25	20	25
1-19	40	50	40	50
20-34	50	60	50	60
35-49	60	70	60	70
50-74	80	80	80	80
75-100	90	90	85	85

Note lower top discount rate for Category Two services.

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Important Deadlines

- FY 2013-14 (BEAR/SPI) Payment Forms
- FY 2014-15 FCC Form 486s
- FY 2015-16 “Validated List” of locations
- Prepare for the 2015-16 Filing Window

Free! Fall Training Opportunities

Visit the following website for additional information

https://sck12techinit.sc.gov/content/sc-e-rate-training-information

~Invitation~

Friday, October 31st

EdTech Breakfast Club (Ballroom)

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served.