

THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of ADMINISTRATION

## E-Rate Update

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# If you are responsible for E-Rate compliance at your school district, charter school or library?



- USAC releases new tools for applicants
- 2017/2018 Form 471 Filing Window
- Document retention rules relating to Competitive Bidding and Equipment Inventories



Invoice Deadline Extension Request Tool

- No longer submitted through "Submit A Question" in EPC.
- Submitted through Online BEAR Login Form
- E-mail notification within minutes
  - Add <u>no-reply@solixinc.com</u> to safe sender list to avoid junk filter.
- If you don't have a BEAR Pin, use the "Submit a Question" method.





Ар	plicant Login:
BEN:	145704
PIN:	
Email:	name@email.com
Last <mark>Name:</mark>	Last name
	Login

Terms and Conditions of PIN Usage



### Invoice Deadline Extension Request

Enter the FRN for which a one-time 120 day extension is requested:

FRN: 2 FRN Number Find FRN

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I request a one-time 120 day extension for this FRN. Submit

## Updated FRN Status Tool

- Used for data 2016 and going forward
- Standard Form and Select Data Points Phases
  - Phase II now includes dozens of additional data points
- FRN Status Tool Instruction Page also lists a beneficial Form 471 Review Status Key



### SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES (E-RATE)

USAC Home Schools and Libraries Program Search Tools FRN Status Tool

### FRN STATUS TOOL

This tool provides funding request data for Funding Year 2016 and forward. To obtain funding request data for Funding Years 1998 to 2015, <u>click here</u> to access the Funding Request Data Retrieval Tool (DRT). You must enter at least one required search criteria below. You may enter additional search criteria to narrow your search. To add additional data points for the report, scroll down and click "Select Data Points".

You can find additional assistance on the FRN Status Tool Instruction Page.

#### Step 1 : Please enter the search criteria

#### I. Required Criteria

Funding Year	2016 •			
Please enter one or more of the following:				
State	SC •			
BEN	145704			
CRN				
SPIN (Go to SPIN Search):				

#### Please select at least one FRN service type and one applicant type based on the billed entity. (The default is that all are selected):

✓ Voice	School
Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	School District
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	🕑 Library
Internal Connections	Library System
Managed Internal Broadband Services	✓ Consortium

#### II. Optional Criteria

471 Application Number	
FRN	
Wave Number	Example: 001, 002
Appeal Wave Number	Example: 003, 004

Please select the desired report format	
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- Excel
- XML Feed

Select Data Points

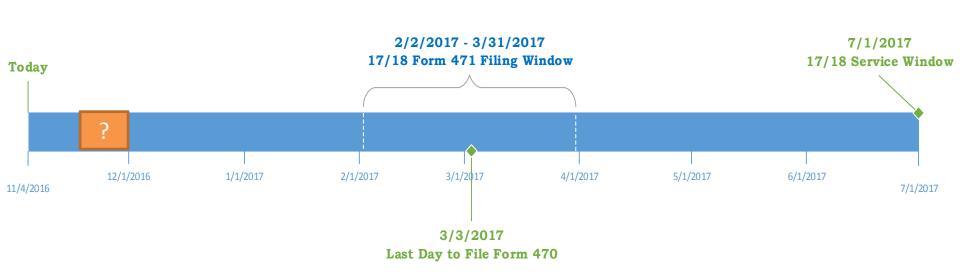
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### 2017/2018 Form 471 Application Filing Window

## February 2, 2017 – March 31, 2017



## 2017/2018 Form 471 Filing Window



### State Replacement Contract: Scenario A http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step02/state-replacement-contracts.aspx



## Keep Everything for 10 years

(From the last date of funding year or service delivery deadline)

## **Competitive Bidding Documents**

- Pre-bidding documents
- Bidding documents
- Contracts
- Application Documentation



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## Equipment Inventory Documents

- Purchase and Delivery of Service
- Invoicing Documentation
- Inventories that include locations of equipment
- Documentation relating to transfer of equipment\*
- Service/Maintenance Logs

## Everything?



### Keep Everything for 10 years (From the last date of funding year or service delivery deadline)

Help your successors through the audit

- 47 CFR 54.516 (Auditing and Inspections)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Report and Order (pg.16-19)
- E-Rate Program Binder Table of Contents Sample



## Checkout USACs New Applicant Tools 17/18 471 Filing Window Keep Everything

