E-RATE CENTRAL E-RATE NEWS

Summary of Current E-Rate News, Events & Deadlines

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E-RATE TO DO ITEMS

Post FCC Form 470

The time is NOW to post a FCC Form 470 for libraries wanting to receive E-rate discounts for Internet access for service starting July 1, 2019. E-rate will cover up to 90% of your monthly recurring costs. Contact Norma Fowler at the State Library or Mel Van Patten with the State E-rate Team to begin the process. NFowler@admin.nv.gov or Nevada@eratecentral.com

EPC Administrative Window

Update your entity information in the E-rate Productivity Center from now until January 15, 2019, including addresses, contact person, telephone numbers, email addresses, etc. EPC profile information can be updated until the day before the 2019 Filing Window Opens. Alternatively, let us know of any necessary changes and we will make the updates on your behalf. EPC Portal: https://portal.usac.org

E-rate FAQ:

1) When is the deadline to post a Form 470?

E-rate rules require a Form 470 be posted for a minimum of 28 days before awarding a contract. Assuming that the bid evaluation is completed, contract signed and Form 471 submitted in EPC all in one day, the final date for FY 2019 to post a Form 470 is February 27, 2019. The best course of action, if you want to participate successfully is to start early. Posting the Form 470 by the end of January is recommended.

E-rate Timeline

Now through February 27, 2019: File FCC Form 470, requesting bids for eligible services, minimum 28-day bidding period then complete bid evaluation and sign contract or agreement for service starting July 1, 2019

E-rate Training Opportunities

If you are interested in learning more about the E-rate program and how it may benefit your library, here are some video options.

The Nevada State Library, in conjunction with the NV Governor’s Office of Science, Innovation and Technology hosted a webinar on E-rate basics and CIPA compliance. Find the archived webinar and slides on the Library’s E-rate page: https://nsla.libguides.com/erate

USAC, the E-rate Program Administrator, recently launched a set of new online training videos. This video series is designed to provide content which was delivered live in the 2018 Fall Applicant Training sessions. https://www.usac.org/sl/about/outreach/applicant-training-series.aspx