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**USAC Releases First Commitments for Funding Year 2008
in the Schools and Libraries Program**

USAC Commits \$352 million in Wave One of FY2008 to over 10,000 Applicants

Washington, D.C. – The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) released wave one of funding commitment decision letters (FCDLs) to Funding Year 2008 (FY2008) school and library applicants on May 1. USAC sent over 10,000 letters committing more than \$352 million in Universal Service Fund support. The FCDLs will notify applicants of funding commitments for Priority One services (telecommunications and Internet access) for all discount bands from 20% to 90%.

On February 29, 2008, USAC reported to the Federal Communications Commission that approximately \$4.3 billion in requested funding had been estimated for schools and libraries seeking discounts for FY2008. This estimate was based on the total funding requested in 39,909 applications received or postmarked by February 7, 2008, the close of the application filing window.

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About the Universal Service Administrative Company

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation designated as the permanent administrator of the Universal Service Fund by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). USAC administers the Universal Service Fund and the universal service support programs for high cost companies serving rural areas, low-income consumers, rural health care providers, and schools and libraries pursuant to the requirements of FCC rules. The Universal Service Fund helps provide communities across the country with affordable telecommunications services. For more information, please visit: www.usac.org.