

**Schools and Libraries Service Provider Conference Call – March 6, 2013**

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1. Funding Commitments for FY2012, FY2011, and FY2010
2. FY2013 Filing Window Update
3. Spring Service Provider Training Dates and Locations
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**MINUTES**

**1. Funding Commitments for FY2012, FY2011, and FY2010**

For FY2012, USAC is funding approved Priority 2 (Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance) requests at 90 percent and denying for cap at 89 percent and below. Here is a list of the current funding commitments issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
030	2/12/2013	\$36.6 M
031	2/20/2013	\$31.8 M
032	2/26/2013	\$12.4 M
033	3/5/2013	\$27.9 M

For FY2011, USAC is funding approved Priority 2 requests at 88 percent and above and denying for cap at 87 percent and below. Here is a list of the current funding commitments issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
080	2/13/2013	\$14.3 M
081	2/21/2013	\$ 6.8 M
082	2/27/2013	\$ 8.3 M
083	3/6/2013	\$ 8.0 M

For FY2010, USAC is funding approved Priority 2 requests at all discount levels. Here is a list of the current funding commitments issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
108	2/8/2013	\$ 65 T
109	2/19/2013	\$ 232 T

## 2. **FY2013 Filing Window Update**

The FCC Form 471 application filing window for FY2013 opened at noon EST on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 and will close at 11:59 PM EDT on Thursday, March 14, 2013.

FCC Forms 470 must have been posted to the USAC website on or before February 14, 2013, for applicants to be able to wait the required 28 days, select a service provider, sign a contract (if applicable), and submit and certify their FCC Forms 471 by the close of the filing window.

REMINDER: Starting with FY2013, applicants filing FCC Forms 470 can list Priority 1 services in either Telecommunications Services or Internet Access. If you provide Priority 1 services, be sure to check postings in both of these categories of service, not just the category of service that will be featured on the FCC Form 471.

## 3. **Spring Service Provider Training Dates and Locations**

Each year, USAC conducts two training sessions in the spring targeted for service providers and eight training sessions in the fall targeted for applicants. The two spring 2013 service provider trainings will be held on the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, May 7 at the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Thursday, May 9 at the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

To register for the training and to find information on hotel reservations, refer to the [Trainings & Outreach](#) page on the USAC website.

We are interested in any feedback you would like to provide about topics to cover or formats to use.

## 4. **Invoicing Update**

Payments for the month of February totaled \$161,213,493.90 against requests for \$224.2 million. In total, 10,695 invoices were processed for 1,543 service providers. This represented 44,838 lines in February with 98 percent being completed within 30 days.

There were 1,722 lines in process as of March 1.

## Invoice rejections

In the past month, the most common reasons for invoices being rejected were:

- The invoice is or appears to be a duplicate.
- The entire commitment amount was already paid.
- There is no FCC Form 486 on file.
- The billed date was outside of the funding year.
- This FCC Form 471/FRN combination is not in our database.

Automatic invoice rejections are often the result of clerical errors, e.g., the FRN on an invoice appeared on a different FCC Form 471 from the one cited. Although you can appeal an invoice rejection, if the error that caused the rejection is easily corrected, you can simply file a new invoice with the error corrected.

The document [Invoice Error Codes](#) on the USAC website contains explanations of specific error codes. You can also use the [Submit a Question](#) feature on the website to ask for information specific to your invoice.

- Choose “Invoicing-General Inquiries” from the Topic Inquiry menu and “I have a general question regarding invoicing” from the Specific Inquiry menu.
- Remember to include your Invoice Number with your inquiry.

## 5. Other

No items.

## 6. General Questions Received by Email

**Q1.** The ESL states that the “telecommunications components” of distance learning are eligible. Aside from the circuit and internet port charge – are there other telecommunication components of distance learning service that are eligible? Is the applicant limited to applying for the circuit and internet port charge for distance learning?

**A1.** In most cases, eligible charges are indeed limited to the circuit and Internet port charges. In rare cases, on-premise Priority 1 equipment can be considered as part of a funding request, subject to the requirements contained in the [On-premise Priority 1 Equipment](#) guidance document on the USAC website. However, classroom codecs are not eligible.

**REMINDER:** Please send your questions for the next Service Provider Conference Call by following the instructions outlined on the [Conference Call webpage](#) of the USAC website.

Also, please watch the [USAC website](#) for other program updates.