

**Schools and Libraries Service Provider Conference Call – June 5, 2013**

**AGENDA**

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3. May 31, 2013 Schools and Libraries News Brief
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**MINUTES**

**1. Revised Conference Call Format**

As a reminder, we are changing the format of the service provider call to make it easier for everyone to participate. During the agenda and the discussion of questions submitted in advance of the call, all callers will be muted. You should make a note of any questions that occur to you during this portion of the call.

After the agenda items have all been covered, all callers will be asked to put their phones on mute if they have not already done so. Callers with questions can then unmute their phones as needed to ask their questions.

**2. Funding Commitments for FY2013, FY2012, FY2011, and FY2010**

For FY2013, USAC is funding approved Priority 1 (Telecommunications Services and Internet Access) requests at all discount levels. Here is a list of the regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
001	5/29/2013	\$130.2 M
002	5/29/2013	\$ 8.2 M
003	6/5/2013	\$ 7.2 M

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 regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
042	5/7/2013	\$49.6 M
043	5/14/2013	\$39.2 M
044	5/22/2013	\$25.5 M
045	5/30/2013	\$48.9 M
046	6/5/2013	\$71.0 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 regular funding waves issued since the last call:

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
091	5/8/2013	\$24.0 M
092	5/15/2013	\$ 5.8 M
093	5/22/2013	\$352 T
094	5/31/2013	\$19.1 M

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

Wave	FCDL Date	Amount
112	5/16/2013	\$482 T
113	6/4/2013	\$ 4.5 M

### 3. **May 31,2013 Schools and Libraries News Brief**

The [May 31 SL News Brief](#) is directed to service providers. You are encouraged to subscribe to this weekly newsletter to stay abreast of information of interest to both applicants and service providers.

You can [subscribe](#) to the SL News Brief as well as the Service Provider Conference Call Agenda. Watch for more service provider specific information in future editions of the SL News Brief.

### 4. **Invoicing Update**

Payments for the month of May totaled \$171,124,178.15 against requests for \$215.8 million. In total, 10,925 invoices were processed for 1,592 service providers. This represented 46,642 lines in May with 99 percent being completed within 30 days.

There were 1,067 lines in process as of June 3.

### **Invoice rejections**

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

- The entire commitment amount was already paid.
- The invoice is or appears to be a duplicate.
- The invoice was submitted after the deadline.
- Payments cannot be released due to an issue with the service provider's FCC Form 498.
- The FCC Form 471 number was not entered or was incorrect.

### **Invoice reminders**

**Recurring service delivery deadline.** June 30, 2013 is the last date to deliver recurring services for FY2012. We encourage you to submit your invoices for these services in a timely manner.

**Entire commitment amount already paid.** Funding commitments (Funding Request Numbers or FRNs) apply to services delivered in a specific funding year. If you are providing services that continue across a funding year boundary (June 30/July 1), use the FRN appropriate for the funding year in which services are delivered on your invoices to USAC. For example, recurring services provided on or after July 1, 2013 must be invoiced using an FRN for FY2013, not the FRN you have been using to invoice for FY2012 services.

**Funding reduction due to a late FCC Form 486.** The deadline for applicants to file an FCC Form 486 is 120 days after services start or 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter, whichever is later. If applicants file this form after the deadline, USAC adjusts the service start date to the date 120 days before the form was certified and reduces the funding commitment as appropriate.

If the service start date on an FRN has been adjusted, you will see an asterisk next to the date and an explanation of the adjustment in the Funding Commitment Report attached to your copy of the [FCC Form 486 Notification Letter](#).

You can also use the [Data Retrieval Tool](#) to see if an applicant has successfully filed an FCC Form 486 (there will be a date in the "486 SSD" column) and remind your customers to file this form if they have not already done so.

## **5. Other**

No items.

## **6. General Questions Received by Email**

**Q1.** Does USAC accept electronic signatures on contracts? We have received conflicting information from Trainings stating they are not valid to USAC Customer Support advising clients they are accepted as valid.

**A1.** If an electronic signature is considered valid under your state's contract law, USAC would consider it valid as well. We may in some cases ask for additional documentation to verify this.

**Q2.** For services other than telecommunications, the 2012 Eligible Services List states that "funding is limited to those products and services expressed as eligible in the ESL," but this language does not appear in the 2013 ESL. Can an Internal Connections technology be funded if it is consistent with the FCC's 1997 Order and other FCC rules and policies, even if the technology is not specifically described as eligible or not eligible in the ESL? (E.g., the technology is "an essential element in the transmission of information within the school or library.")

**A2.** Only services listed in the ESL for a particular funding year are eligible for that funding year.

**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.