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**USAC Releases First Commitments for Funding Year 2010
in the Schools and Libraries Program**

Record Commitment of Over \$429 Million and Over 18,200 Applications

Washington, D.C. – The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will release a record wave of funding commitment decision letters (FCDLs) to Funding Year 2010 (FY2010) school and library applicants on May 26, 2010. USAC will send over 18,200 letters committing more than \$429 million in Universal Service Fund support. This represents over 40% of all applications that were received by the filing deadline. The FCDLs will notify applicants of funding commitments for Priority One services (telecommunications and Internet access) for all discount bands from 20% to 90%.

Included in this first wave are Vicksburg District Library in Michigan, Medon-Upton Regional School District in Massachusetts, Bais Yaakov of Boston High School for Girls in Massachusetts, and the Great Western Network in North Dakota, the first applicants to successfully file their FY2010 applications. This first wave is the biggest ever for the program. USAC will issue waves of funding decisions each week until all decisions have been processed.

“We are pleased that so many of America’s deserving schools and libraries will receive funding decisions this early in the process,” stated Anne Campbell, Chair of the USAC Schools & Libraries Committee.

On March 10, 2010, USAC reported to the Federal Communications Commission that \$3.92 billion in requested funding has been estimated for schools and libraries seeking discounts for FY2010. This estimate is based on the dollars requested in 42,713 applications received or postmarked by February 19, 2010, the close of the Form 471 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 four universal service programs—High Cost, Low Income, Rural Health Care, 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.