

Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program

Service Provider Webinar

August 23, 2016



Welcome

About the service provider webinar

- Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program updates and information relevant for service providers
- Tuesdays at noon EDT
- Agenda topics by audience request
 - Submit yours by the Friday at noon EDT
 - Use "Questions and Comments" section on the registration form



Welcome

Today's Presenters

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Welcome

Agenda

- Online tools (Tom Nesbitt)
 - Search commitment tool
 - DRT
- FCC Form 486 (Leslie Frelow)

- FCC Form 473 (SPAC) (Mick Kraft)
 - Demo online filing
- Open Q&A



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Online tools



Online tools

E-rate Program online tools

E-rate Productivity Center

- New online application system! (FY 2016 and beyond)
- Still in development
- FCC Forms 470, 471, 486, applicant 498

E-File

- Service provider account management
- FCC Form 498
- FCC Form 473 SPAC
- FCC Form 474

Legacy "Apply Online" system

- Legacy system; being phased out
- Some forms still in here while we work to move them to EPC (e.g., FCC Form 486 for FY 2015 and prior years)
- FCC Form 472 BEAR

usac.org/sl online tools

- On our public website, usac.org/sl
- Search funding commitments
- View/download FCC Forms 470



Online tools

Online tools

- FY2016 search commitments tool now available!
 - Search for your customer's funding commitment decision letters (FCDLs)
- DRT (data retrieval tool) update

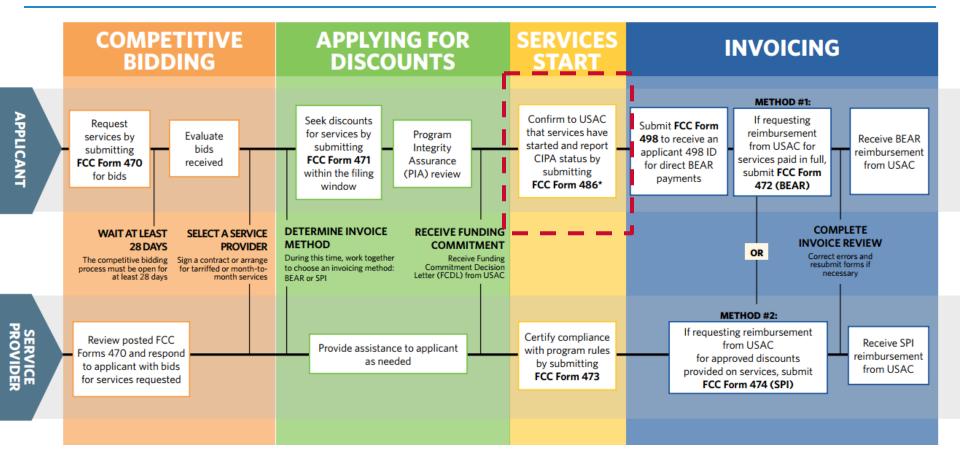


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FCC Form 486



E-rate Program Application Process





Starting services

- FCC Form 486 is the "Receipt of service confirmation and CIPA certification" form:
 - Your customer fills it out to confirm that services have started / been delivered
- To file FCC Form 486, your customers:
 - Received a funding commitment decision letter (FCDL) with a positive funding amount
 - Has begun services or will begin services
 - Is compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)



FCC Form 486

What to know about FCC Form 486 in EPC

- Service Provider FCC Form 486 Notification Letter File
 - Weekly an email is sent
 - Hyperlink in the email takes you to the Landing Page to generate the Notification
 - Electronic Notification file must be generated to view
 - Appears in the News and Landing Page after it is generated
- FCC Form 486 Certification
 - Not sent to the service provider
 - This is a notice to the applicant that the FCC Form was certified

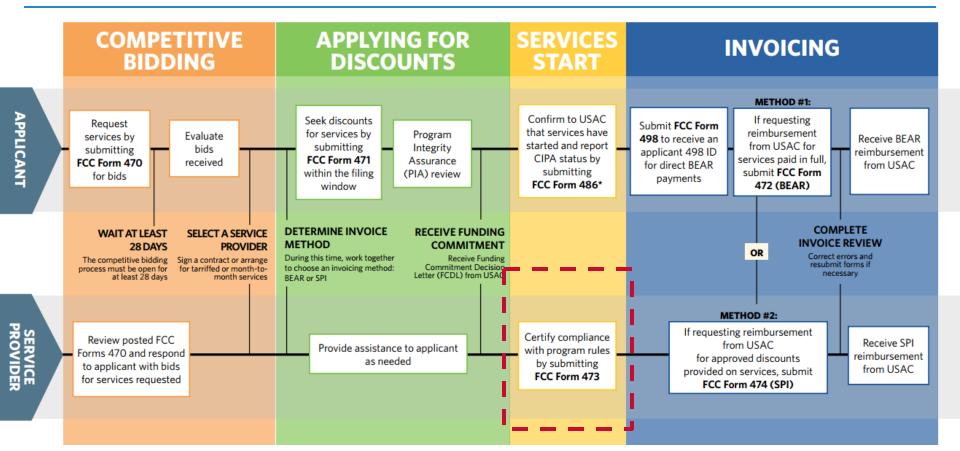


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FCC Form 473



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FCC Form 473

SPAC Form

- FCC Form 473 is the service provider annual certification (SPAC)
 - Required each funding year
- File online known slow service
 - How to print
- How to search for FCC Forms 473 online
 - Review of SPIN search tool



Thank you!

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- Call (888) 203-8100
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Invoicing

FY2016 invoicing process (SPI)

FCDL issued + services started + customer submits FCC Form 486 + service provider submits FCC Form 473

Customer selects SPI method (service provider invoicing)

Bill customer for the non-discount share of the cost of services

Choose "File Online" (Alt: file electronically)

Submit invoice to USAC Deadline: 120 days after service ends or FCC Form 486 notification Submit invoice to USAC USAC reviews invoice 90%+ processed within 30 days

USAC approves invoice Payments deposited within 2 days to bank account listed on FCC Form 498





