



Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program

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Pilot FCC Form 471

The Pilot FCC Form 471 application filing window opened on **March 18, 2025, at 8 a.m. E.T.** and will close on **September 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. E.T.** Pilot participants may request Pilot Program funding using the Pilot FCC Form 471 after they complete the competitive bidding process and select their service provider(s). All program participants must submit a Pilot FCC Form 471 during the window to receive Pilot Program funding for their eligible cybersecurity services and equipment. For more information, visit the [Pilot FCC Form 471 webpage](#).

USAC hosted a training on the Pilot FCC Form 471 on **March 25, 2025** to walk participants through the process to request funding and highlight key features of the Pilot FCC Form 471. Visit the [Webinars webpage](#) to view the webinar recording and [slides](#).

USAC will provide ongoing resources and training to help all participants understand the Pilot Program requirements, complete necessary forms, and successfully participate in the program.

Competitive Bidding and the Pilot FCC Form 470

Unless eligible for a competitive bidding exemption, Pilot Program participants must conduct a fair and open competitive bidding process to identify and request the cybersecurity equipment and services they need for the Pilot, so that potential service providers can review those requests and submit bids in response to them. Participants begin the competitive bidding process by submitting and certifying the Pilot FCC Form 470 in the Cybersecurity Pilot Program portal. Pilot Program participants must wait at least 28 from the date the Pilot FCC Form 470 is certified and posted on USAC's website before entering into a legally binding agreement or contract with a service provider(s). This date is known as the Allowable Contract Date (ACD).

USAC hosted a training on February 4, 2025, to walk participants through the competitive bidding process and requirements and highlight key features of the Pilot FCC Form 470. Visit the [Webinars webpage](#) to view the webinar recording and [slides](#).

Pilot participants can begin the competitive bidding process now. For more information about the process, please visit the [Competitive Bidding webpage](#) on USAC's website.

Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2

All Pilot participants were required to complete and submit the Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 1 to indicate their interest in being selected for the Pilot Program. As a selected participant in the Pilot Program, you are now required to complete and submit the second portion of the FCC Form 484 application, i.e., the Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2. Part 2 of the Pilot FCC Form 484 collects more detailed cybersecurity data and Pilot project information from Pilot participants than Part 1 of the form. The data gathered on the form will help the FCC evaluate whether, and to what extent, it should use the Universal Service Fund (USF) to support the cybersecurity needs of eligible schools and

libraries going forward.

As a reminder, due to the sensitive nature of the cybersecurity-related information collected on Parts 1 and 2 of the FCC Form 484, the FCC will treat the information collected as presumptively confidential under its rules and withhold it from routine public inspection. The FCC also will not share the information collected on the form with other federal agencies for incident reporting or compliance purposes.

The Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 is now available in the Cybersecurity Pilot Program portal and must be submitted by **September 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. E.T.** Pilot participants cannot receive a funding commitment decision letter (FCDL) until their Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 is submitted to USAC. Participants who fail to timely submit a Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 and/or the Pilot FCC Form 471 will be subject to removal from the Pilot Program.

USAC hosted a Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 training on February 13, 2025. Visit the [Webinars webpage](#) to view the webinar recording and [slides](#).

For more information, visit the [Pilot FCC Form 484 webpage](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Invoicing

Q: Do I need to register for a SAM.gov account in order to submit requests for reimbursement?

A: SAM.gov registration is necessary for all participants and service providers that are making changes to an existing FCC Form 498 or are submitting a new FCC Form 498. If you do not have a 498 ID or will only be using the service provider invoicing (SPI) method, you do not currently need to obtain a unique entity number (UEI) number or register with SAM.gov. The FCC and USAC are still working on making a full transition to SAM.gov for all universal service recipients, and additional information will be provided about the transition and changes to the FCC Form 498 at that time.

Application/Selection Process

Q: Can selected participants withdraw from the Pilot Program? What is the process for withdrawing?

A: Although the Commission does not anticipate that many Pilot participants will need to withdraw from the program, to ensure the greatest possible disbursement of Pilot Program funds and minimal disruption to the program, Pilot participants that were selected to participate in the Pilot via the Wireline Competition Bureau's (Bureau) January 16, 2025 [Public Notice](#) are permitted to withdraw from the program for a limited period of time.

To withdraw, participants must contact the Bureau via email at CyberPilot@fcc.gov and submit a Letter of Withdrawal, which must be posted to the FCC's [Electronic Comment Filing System \(ECFS\)](#) under Docket Number WC 23-234, by July 1, 2025. Once the Bureau receives a withdrawal request, it will send a separate acknowledgment letter in response to the request, which will also be posted to ECFS along with the Letter of Withdrawal. Participants selected on January 16, 2025 will not be allowed to withdraw from the Pilot after July 1, 2025 and will be expected to fully comply with all of the requirements of the Pilot Program, including the annual and final reporting requirements.

Be sure to review the FCC's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage, which is consistently updated to address new questions raised and reflect the current status of the program. New and updated FAQs are marked with an asterisks.

Key Dates

January 17, 2025: Pilot FCC Form 470 and Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2 available in the Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal.

March 18, 2025: Pilot FCC Form 471 application filing window opens.

July 1, 2025: Last date to voluntarily withdraw from the Pilot Program.

August 18, 2025: Deadline to submit the Pilot FCC Form 470.

September 15, 2025: Pilot FCC Form 471 application filing window closes and deadline to submit the Pilot FCC Form 484 Part 2.

Stay Connected

USAC will share information, resources, and training opportunities throughout the Pilot Program. If you received this email, you are signed up for ongoing program outreach.

If you have additional contacts who you would like to receive information about trainings, program updates, and deadline reminders – or if this email was forwarded to you – please [sign up for program outreach](#). Please note that signing up for email outreach will not change your contact settings in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) or the Cybersecurity Pilot Program Portal.

Need Help? Contact Us!

Call us at (888) 203-8100 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. E.T. or submit a case in EPC.

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