



Schools & Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program

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Schools & Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program Overview

Pilot Program Overview

- The FCC established the three-year **Schools & Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program** to provide up to \$200 million in Universal Service Fund (USF) support to participating eligible schools, libraries, and consortia of schools and libraries to defray the costs of eligible cybersecurity services and equipment
- The Pilot Program will evaluate the effectiveness of using USF funding to support cybersecurity services and equipment to protect school and library broadband networks and data

Pilot Program Eligibility

- Schools, libraries, and consortia of schools and libraries that are eligible for support under the [E-Rate program](#) can participate in the Pilot Program
- Prior or current E-Rate participation is not a requirement to be eligible to apply for the Pilot Program

Pilot Program Eligibility

- Participants may seek reimbursement for a wide variety of cybersecurity services and equipment, subject to per-student/per-library budgets
- Four general categories of eligible services and equipment:
 - Advanced/next generation firewalls;
 - Endpoint protection;
 - Identity protection and authentication; and
 - Monitoring, detection and response
- The [Pilot Eligible Services List](#) (P-ESL) contains a non-exhaustive list of the types of services and equipment that are eligible

Pilot Program Overview

- The Pilot Program cycle is separate from the E-Rate funding cycle. Eligible applicants can participate in both programs
- Selected schools, libraries and consortia are expected to participate for the full three-year term of the Pilot Program
 - New participants will **not** be added in the second and third years
- Pilot Program funding is available for eligible equipment and services; it cannot be used for staff or other labor costs

Questions?

Pilot Program: Budget Limits & Spending Rules

Pilot Program: Three-Year Budget Limits (Schools)

- Schools and School Districts (S&SDs):
 - \$45,000 pre-discount for S&SDs with up to 1,100 students
 - \$40.80 pre-discount per student for S&SDs with between 1,101 and 110,294 students (\$13.60 pre-discount per student annually)
 - \$4.5 million pre-discount for S&SDs with more than 110,294 students

Pilot Program: Three-Year Budget Limits (Libraries)

- Libraries and Library Systems:
 - \$45,000 pre-discount for an individual library/site that is not part of a library system
 - \$45,000 pre-discount per library/site for library systems with fewer than 12 libraries/sites
 - \$525,000 pre-discount for library systems with 12 or more libraries/sites

Pilot Program: Budget Overview

- Participating schools, libraries, and consortia determine Pilot Program discount rate based on the [E-Rate Category One discount rate](#).
- Participants will pay non-discounted portion of cybersecurity services and equipment.
- Participants can use state, federal, or Tribal funding for non-discounted portion of costs.
 - May not use Pilot Program funds for services and equipment funded through other sources.

Pilot Program: Spending Rules

- Pilot Program expenses can be reimbursed as expenses are incurred. Participants may:
 - Spend their entire three-year commitment funding amount in the first year
 - Spend a portion of their budget in the first year of the Pilot Program, then spend the remaining in years two and three
 - Spend their budget evenly each year of the Pilot Program
- Pilot Program participants can NOT be reimbursed for expenses incurred prior to the start of the Program.

Pilot Program: Get Started as an Applicant

Pilot Program: Program Registration for Applicants

- Obtain or confirm registrations are up to date:
 - [FCC Registration Number](#)
 - [USAC Billed Entity Number](#)
 - [SAM.gov registration](#)
- Set up E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) access:
 - Call the E-Rate Customer Support Center at (888) 203-8100 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET)

Pilot Program: Confirm Your Eligibility

- Confirm your organization is eligible to participate
 - [FCC Red Light Status](#)
 - [U.S. Treasury Do Not Pay List](#)
- Entities on FCC Red Light Status when application window opens will not be eligible to participate in the Pilot Program

Pilot Program: Get Started as a Service Provider

Pilot Program: Service Providers' Role

- Service providers' Pilot Program role begins when applicants issue competitive bidding requests (Pilot Program FCC Form 470)
- Service providers cannot apply for the Pilot Program on behalf of a school or library

Pilot Program: Getting Started as a Service Provider

- Obtain or confirm registrations are up to date:
 - [FCC Registration Number](#)
 - [SAM.gov registration](#)
- Complete [FCC Form 498](#) to receive a 498 ID/SPIN

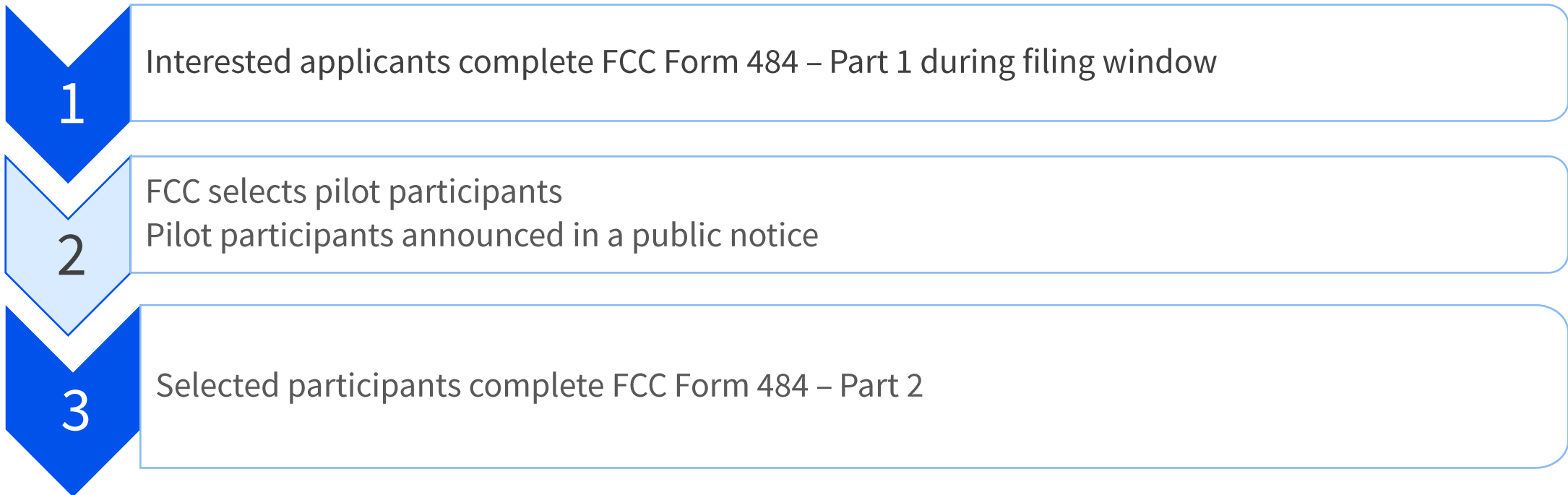
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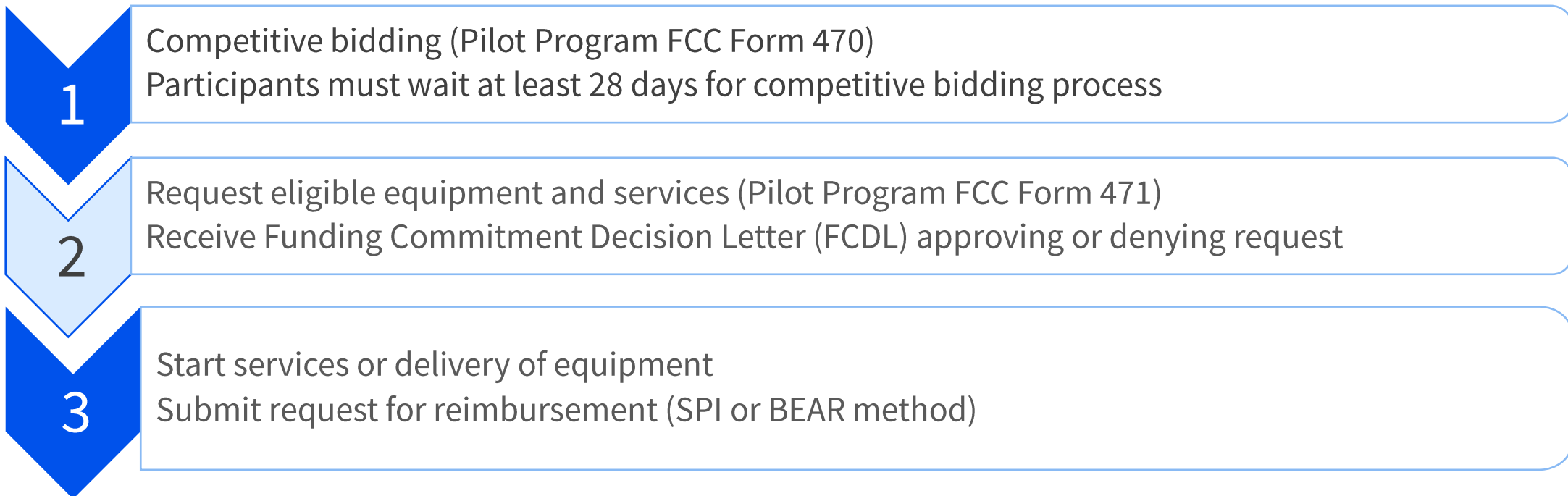
- Due to sensitive information collected in the Pilot Program, EPC will limit consultant access
- Limit of 3 designated consultants per EPC applicant account
- Applicants must select consultants and grant access in Pilot Program participant portal
- Consultants listed in Administrative Account profile will be transferred to Pilot Program portal
- Requirements are unique to the Pilot Program and do not affect the E-Rate user experience

Pilot Program: Applicant and Participant Processes

Pilot Program Application Process



Pilot Program Participant Process



Questions?

Pilot Program: Get Ready

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- The Pilot Program application process (FCC Form 484) will open this fall
- Begin evaluating your school or library's cybersecurity needs:
 - Set goals and objectives for participation
 - Identify risks the Pilot Program can help address
 - Determine cybersecurity experience and expertise
 - Identify designated cybersecurity officer or senior staff member
 - Catalogue services and equipment to be purchased

Questions?

Pilot Program: Stay Informed

Pilot Program: Upcoming Trainings

E-Rate and EPC for Beginners

Tuesday, August 13 at 3 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

FCC Form 484 Part One – Overview

Tuesday, August 20 at 3 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

Pilot Program: Stay Informed

- FCC and USAC will host [Pilot Program trainings](#)
- [Sign up for Pilot Program emails](#)
- [FCC Cybersecurity Website](#)
- [USAC Cybersecurity Pilot Program Website](#)
- FAQs are available on the [FCC](#) and [USAC](#) websites
 - Will be expanded throughout the program

Thank You!





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