

FY2027+ FCC Form 470 Services Guiding Statements Table

Starting with Funding Year 2022, the FCC Form 470 includes guiding statements to help applicants request E-Rate eligible services and/or equipment for the upcoming funding year. The following tables provide a quick way to reference the options provided in the form along with guiding messages.

Please see footnotes for additional information where provided.

Category One

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select “I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service.” Next, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
Internet Access and Data Transmission Service	I seek bids for Internet access and data transmission service (provided over any combination of transmission medium, e.g., fiber-only networks, fiber/non-fiber hybrid networks, or non-fiber networks such as cable, DSL, copper, satellite, microwave or wireless).	I seek bids for internet access and data transmission services, whether offered by one service provider(s) as a bundled package or offered by one or more service providers as independent services. ¹
Cellular Data Plan/Air Card Service	I seek bids for Internet access and data transmission service (provided over any combination of transmission medium, e.g., fiber-only networks, fiber/non-fiber hybrid networks, or non-fiber networks such as cable, DSL, copper, satellite, microwave or wireless).	I seek bids for data plans or wireless adapters (Air Cards) for mobile devices for commercial wireless service for a school or library that does not have an existing broadband internal connection (e.g., for use on a library bookmobile without a fixed connection). ²

¹ Applicants can use the narrative field on the FCC Form 470 and/or their RFP, if applicable, to provide additional details regarding their service need requirements.

² Cellular data plans and air cards for mobile devices are eligible for on-premises use only in instances when the school or library seeking support demonstrates that the individual data plans are the most cost-effective option for providing internal broadband access for mobile devices at schools and/or libraries (e.g., for use on a library bookmobile that cannot use a fixed connection).

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select “I seek bids for internet access and/or data transmission service.” Next, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
Standalone Internet Access Service	I seek bids for internet access without data transmission service and will arrange for separate data transmission service if required. ³	N/A
Standalone Data Transmission Service	I seek bids for data transmission service only (i.e., that does not include internet access service). ⁴	I seek data transmission service without internet access service.
Leased Dark Fiber and Leased Lit Fiber	I seek bids for data transmission service only (i.e., that does not include internet access service). ⁵	I seek to lease capacity, e.g., a specific number of dark fiber strands or capacity over a leased lit network that will be used for data transmission service.
Self-Provisioned Network (Applicant Owned and Operated Network) and Services Provided Over Third-Party Networks	I seek to build my own network.	N/A

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
C1 Network Equipment	I seek bids for Category One network equipment or maintenance and operations.	I own or lease my own network or network capacity and seek bids for the electronics to make the network functional.
C1 Maintenance & Operations	I seek bids for Category One network equipment or maintenance and operations.	I own or lease my own network and seek bids for maintenance of the connections.

³ This is not a commonly selected service option. It does not include transport service, which may be needed to deliver Internet access to the school or library building.

⁴ This service option does not include Internet access service. If this option is selected, the applicant will have to request Internet access service separately.

⁵ This service option does not include the modulating equipment needed to light the dark fiber; applicants are responsible for requesting modulating equipment separately

Category Two

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
Internal Connections	I seek bids for the equipment needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries and/or all software and remote-based services associated with the eligible equipment. ⁶	• Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components • Cabling • Caching & Necessary Software & Licenses • Firewall Service, Components, & Necessary Software & Licenses • Racks • Routers & Necessary Software & Licenses • Switches & Necessary Software & Licenses • Uninterruptable Power Supply/Battery Backup & Necessary Software & Licenses • Wireless Access Points & Necessary Software & Licenses
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	I seek bids for basic maintenance, including in-person, on-site configuration changes for eligible equipment appropriate to maintain reliable operation. ⁷	• Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components • Cabling • Caching • Firewall Service and Components • Racks • Routers • Switches • Uninterruptable Power Supply/Battery Backup • Wireless Access Points • Wireless Controllers

⁶ If requesting software-based and remote based services associated with the eligible equipment), the applicant can request these under Internal Connections and then select the option that identifies the specific type of internal connection (e.g., routers, switches, etc.) and necessary software and licenses. The fact that they are only requesting the software and not new equipment should be explained in the narrative field and included in the RFP, if applicable.

⁷ If requesting maintenance support that will be provided on premise (e.g., technician time and materials including on-site configuration changes), the applicant can request these under Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections.

If you intend to request bids for:	You should first select the following FCC Form 470 statement:	Then, choose the following FCC Form 470 statement:
Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS): Leased Equipment	I seek bids for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections.	I seek bids for MIBS using equipment that I currently lease or will lease.
Managed Internal Broadband Services: Existing Equipment	I seek bids for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections.	I seek bids for MIBS using equipment that I currently own or will own.