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E-Rate Post Commitment Deadline Tool

User Guide

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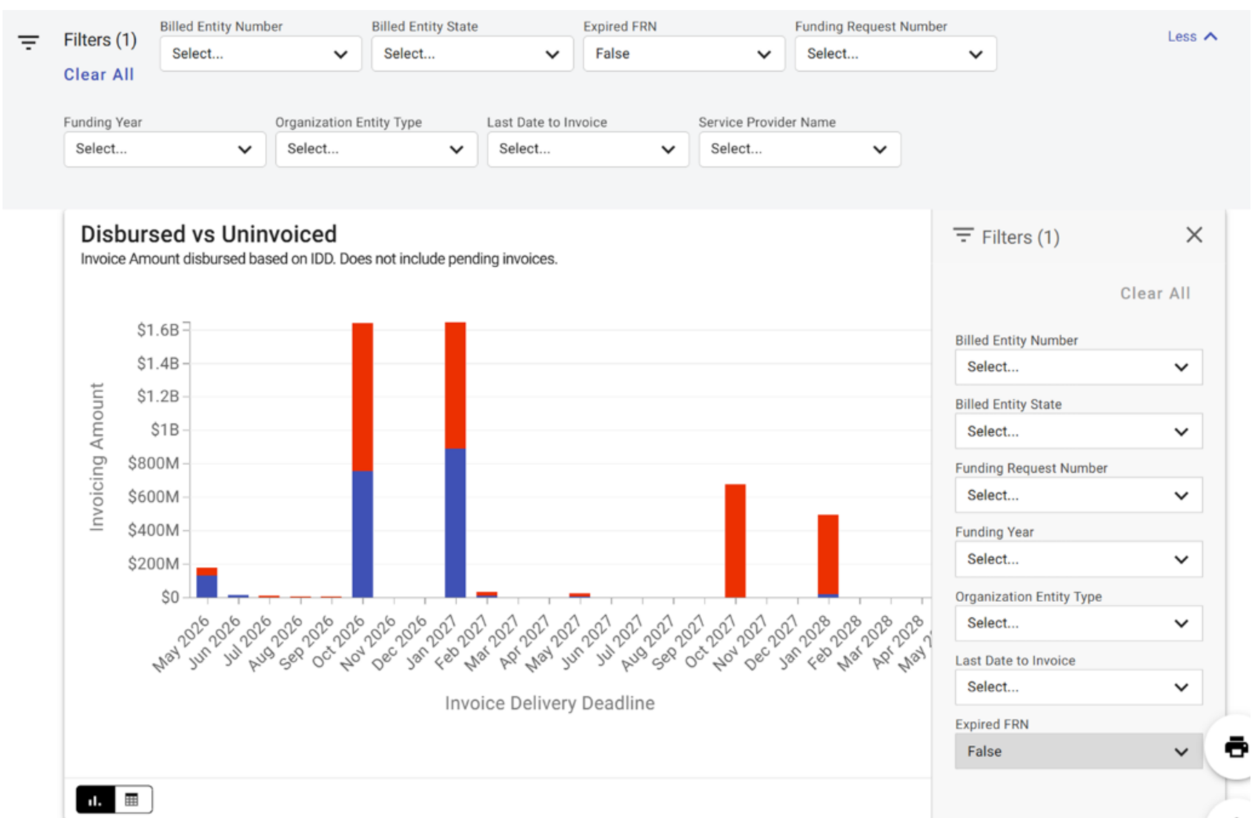
Overview

The E-Rate Post Commitment Deadline Tool centralizes, tracks, and synchronizes critical post-commitment deadlines with the USAC E-Rate application cycle. By combining invoicing deadlines with FCC Form 473 (SPAC) and FCC Form 486 compliance **statuses** into a unified interface, the tool transforms disparate data points into an **actionable roadmap**.

The tool acts as a financial safety net, clearly displaying **remaining invoiceable balances** alongside hard deadlines so applicants never lose committed funding due to a missed date.

Because funding disbursements rely heavily on action from both the applicant (FCC Form 486) and the service provider (FCC Form 473), the tool bridges the gap by clearly highlighting which forms have not been submitted and where committed funds have not been fully invoiced. Users can instantly spot if an unapproved SPAC or a pending FCC Form 486 is holding up an invoice.



By utilizing global and cascading sub-filters (State → BEN → FRN), the tool eliminates data confusion, allowing users to drill down from broad metrics to micro-level detailed line items.

The tool provides users with the ability to instantly toggle between a high-level, color-coded visual summary (Bar Chart) and an actionable data-entry layout (Spreadsheet Grid and Table Summary).

By excluding pending invoices and focusing solely on official disbursements and remaining balances, the tool provides a "single source of truth" that accelerates internal compliance audits and fiscal year-end closing processes.

For state coordinators or large consulting groups managing hundreds of Billed Entity Numbers (BENs), the tool holds the potential to aggregate large datasets. This lets coordinators identify statewide compliance trends or pinpoint systemic vendor delays in filing annual certifications. It ensures users have visibility into the final stages of the funding lifecycle.

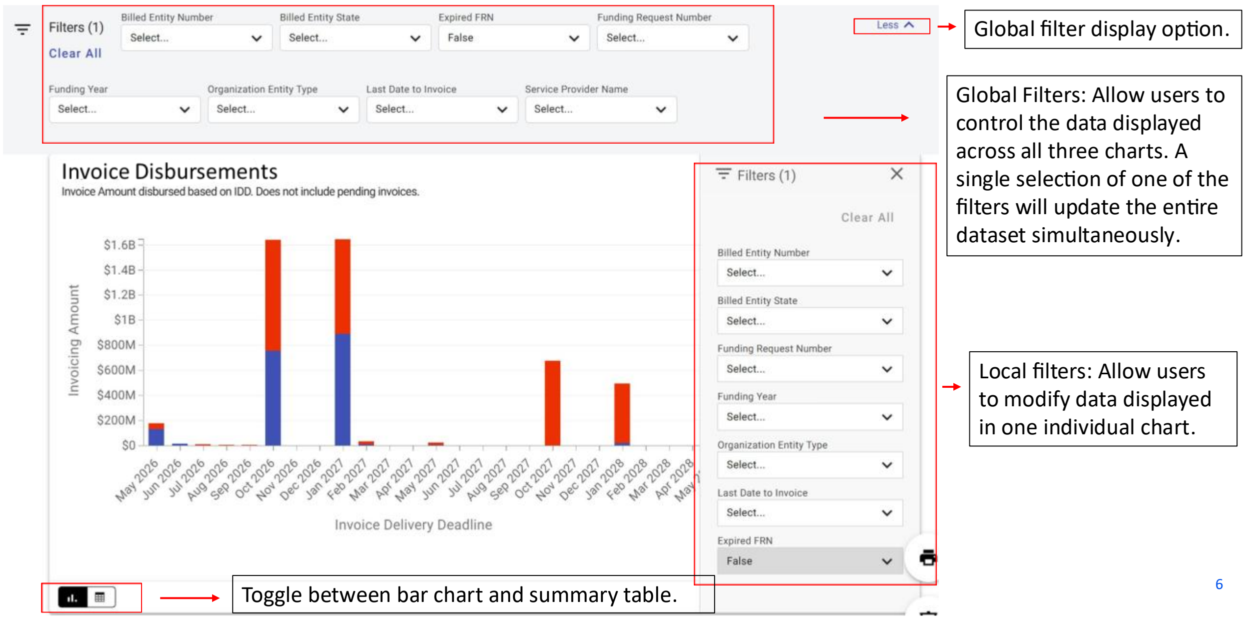
The program deadline tool features three separate tools that allow users to track three key statuses.

1. Which FRNs with an upcoming invoice deadline have I not yet submitted an invoice for?
2. Which FRNs aren't eligible for invoicing yet due to a missing FCC Form 486 and/or FCC Form 473?
3. For which FRNs can I still request a one-time, 120-day invoice deadline extension?

Users can filter by state, BEN, FRN, expired FRN, Funding Year, etc., to locate an FRN’s invoicing deadline, which also display the total and remaining invoicing amounts for an FRN, along with the FCC Form 473 and FCC Form 486 filing statuses. This information can be displayed as a bar chart, grid, or table summary.

Global & Local Filters

There are two ways to filter the tables in this tool: global filters and local filters. Global filters affect all visualizations in the tool, whereas local filters only affect individual ones. Applying a global filter will override the local filter of the same field. Users must clear the global filter first before applying the local filter to a visualization.



Filter data in multiple tables at once by using the global filter located at the top of the tool. To use local filters, select the local filter icon located on the top right corner of the visualization and choose the desired filters. The global filters are displayed, but users must click the filter icon to display the local filter. To reset filter(s), select 'Clear All.'

Tool Visualization Options

The new tool allows users to visualize each set of data in three ways:

The **bar chart** displays the invoice delivery deadline, which is plotted on the x-axis against the invoicing amount on the y-axis. The bars are color-coded to compare total disbursements against the remaining FRN balance.

The **grid** displays data in a familiar spreadsheet format, providing detailed, line-item information for an FRN. Users can click the toggle button to switch between the bar and grid displays.

Invoice Disbursement

Funding Request Number	Funding Year	Billed Entity State	Billed Entity Number	Applicant's Organization Name
1699030901	2016	MA	120307	Worcester Public School Dist
1699008118	2016	CA	143722	Rim Of The World Unif Sch Dist
1699013650	2016	IL	136635	A-C Comm Unit School Dist 262
1699013657	2016	IL	136635	A-C Comm Unit School Dist 262
1699013659	2016	IL	136635	A-C Comm Unit School Dist 262
1699013671	2016	IL	136635	A-C Comm Unit School Dist 262
1699013680	2016	IL	136635	A-C Comm Unit School Dist 262
1699013685	2016	IL	136635	A-C Comm Unit School Dist 262

Columns

The **table summary** data appears similar to the grid with horizontal rows and vertical columns, but it provides limited information on an FRN. The visualization for the table chart is displayed when the tool is accessed.

Invoice Disbursement

Invoice Amount disbursed based on IDD. Does not include pending invoices.

Last Date to Invoice	Total Disbursement Amount (Sum)	FRN Remaining Amount (Sum)
Jun 2026	$14,962,047.04	$1,244,617.29
Jul 2026	$6,266,290.43	$9,488,453.04
Aug 2026	$4,303,723.94	$1,897,730.48
Sep 2026	$3,036,659.19	$6,551,576.15
Oct 2026	$752,861,465.94	$777,358,523.55
Nov 2026		
Dec 2026		
Jan 2027	$929,004,090.98	$688,587,436.77
Feb 2027	$63,818,705.18	$75,484,837.06
Mar 2027		

Data Unavailable

If no data is available, the visual will display an error message. This may be the result of certain data not existing and cannot be displayed.

We didn't find any data that matches your request.

Please try adjusting your filters.

For example, an invoiced FRN may be available, but a SPAC or FCC Form 486 may not have been filed yet. The user must use the global or local filters to display data that is currently available in the tool. Please make sure to pay close attention to your filtering selection as to avoid conflict within the tool.

Exporting Data

To **export data,** use the three dots icon to the right of the filter menu icon. A dropdown menu will appear with the option to export the data.

A pop-up window (below) will appear giving users the option to download the data into various exporting formats. Users must select the 'Filtered data' option to download specific FRN data.