AGENDA FOR THE DAY

- Overview
- Basic concepts
- Introduction to the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC)
- Finishing FY2018
- Starting FY2019
- Toolbox
- Questions and Answers
Schools and Libraries Mission Statement
Mission

Help ensure that schools and libraries can obtain high-speed internet access and telecommunications at affordable rates, and keep students and library patrons connected to broadband by providing a discount on eligible services.
Congress wrote the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which directed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish the E-rate Program and other programs.

The FCC issues orders that set rules and policies for the program and gives direction to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) through orders.

USAC is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the E-rate Program.
What Is the Application Process?

1. Competitive Bidding
2. Apply for Discounts
3. Start Services
4. Invoice USAC
• Run an open and fair competitive bidding process.

• Wait 28 days before choosing a service provider.

• Evaluate bids using the price of the eligible services as the primary factor.
Apply for Discounts

• Provide information about your requests (discount level, costs of services, service providers).

• Answer USAC review questions.

• Receive your funding commitment decision.
Start Services

- Tell USAC your services have started.
- Verify your CIPA* compliance.
- Answer USAC review questions.

* CIPA = Children’s Internet Protection Act
Certify FCC Form 498 to provide your banking information – and backup documents – to USAC for review.

Pay your customer bill (the bill from your service provider) in full.

Answer any USAC review questions.
• Pay your discounted customer bill (the bill from your service provider).

• Your service provider will invoice USAC for the discount amount.

• Answer any USAC review questions.