Reminder: Tribal Info Series and Tribal Training

July 23, 2020

Dear Tribal Stakeholder,

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is an independent not-for-profit designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to administer the Universal Service Fund through four programs. In coming weeks, the Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program and Lifeline Program have scheduled online information sessions and training for Tribal stakeholders.

Join us and share these great opportunities with your network.

Virtual E-rate Information Series for Tribal Applicants

The Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program provides discounts to eligible public or private schools (K-12), libraries, and groups of schools and libraries (e.g., consortia, districts, systems) for internet access and data transmission services and internal connections (e.g., Wi-Fi equipment, cabling, and basic maintenance services).

During the virtual information session, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the E-rate Program, discuss best practices with experienced Tribal entities, and have questions answered by the USAC staff.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about the event. You can add a calendar reminder from the registration confirmation page or event confirmation email by clicking "Add to Calendar."

All sessions will be recorded and closed to the press. No cost is associated with attendance at this virtual series or any USAC E-rate Training.

Session 1: The E-rate Program Information Overview for Tribal Schools and Tribal Libraries

Wednesday, July 29, 2020
3:00 p.m. ET
Register

Recommended for: Prospective E-rate applicants and E-rate participants of all experience levels

USAC Moderator: Kraynal Alfred, USAC Tribal Liaison
USAC Presenter: John Noran, Senior Program Manager, USAC E-rate Program

Overview
In this session, USAC will present an overview of the E-rate Program. We will cover general topics, such as the application process, the competitive bidding requirements, important program terms, eligibility, and program discounts. Additionally, we will review specific items of interest to Tribal participants, including the Tribal designation box in the E-rate Productivity (EPC) entity profile, and State/Tribal matching funds.

Session 2: Best E-rate Practices Shared by Tribal Schools
(A Community-Led Discussion)

Wednesday, August 5, 2020
3:00 p.m. ET
Register

Recommended for: Prospective E-rate applicants and current E-rate participants of all experience levels

Guest Moderator: Kara Bobroff, A Professional in Native Education
USAC Representatives: John Noran, Senior Program Manager, USAC E-rate Program; and Kraynal Alfred, USAC Tribal Liaison

Overview
During this session, Tribal schools will have the opportunity to discuss key E-rate topics, issues, challenges, and practical solutions. USAC will also provide a brief overview of the competitive bidding rules. Be prepared to ask questions or to share practical advice important for successful participation in the program–this is your chance to crowdsource solutions to E-rate issues!

Note: The USAC Team will be on hand during the call, but will address frequently asked questions and concerns about the E-rate application process during Session 4: FAQ Session for Tribal Schools and Libraries with the USAC E-rate Team. USAC does not endorse any products or services that happen to be mentioned during the discussion.

In advance of this session, please email suggested topics to tribaltraining@usac.org.

Session 3: Best E-rate Practices Shared by Tribal Libraries
(A Community-Led Discussion)

Thursday, August 6, 2020
3:00 p.m. ET
Register

Recommended for: Prospective E-rate applicants and current E-rate participants of all experience levels

Guest Moderator: Cindy Hohl, President, American Indian Library Association
USAC Representatives: John Noran, Senior Program Manager, USAC E-rate Program; and Kraynal Alfred, USAC Tribal Liaison

Overview
During this session, Tribal libraries will have the opportunity to discuss key topics, issues, challenges, and practical solutions with USAC and other program participants. USAC will also provide a brief overview of the competitive bidding rules. Be prepared to ask questions or to share practical advice important to successful participation in the program–this is your chance to crowdsource E-rate issues!

Note: The USAC Team will be on hand during the call, but will address frequently asked questions and concerns about the E-rate application process during Session 4: FAQ Session for Tribal Schools and Libraries with the USAC E-rate Team. USAC does not endorse any products or services that happen to be mentioned during the discussion.

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Session 4: FAQ Session for Tribal Schools and Libraries with the USAC E-rate Team

Tuesday, August 11, 2020
4:00 p.m. ET
Register

Recommended for: Prospective E-rate applicants and current E-rate participants of all experience levels

USAC Moderator: Kraynal Alfred, USAC Tribal Liaison
USAC Representatives: USAC E-rate Team

Overview
This session will be dedicated to answering the questions and concerns generated from the previous three sessions. Be sure to send in your questions beforehand so that the USAC Team can provide thoughtful responses during this session. If time allows, we will open the floor to participants to ask additional

questions.

In advance of this session, you may email questions to tribaltraining@usac.org.

Lifeline Tribal Training

The Lifeline Program is one of the four federal benefit programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Lifeline helps households obtain affordable connectivity services by providing a discount to low-income consumers.

Lifeline subscribers may receive up to $9.25 off their monthly phone or internet bill and Lifeline subscribers that live on federally recognized Tribal lands may receive up to $34.25 off their monthly bill. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through participation in government programs (such as SNAP or Tribal TANF) or if their income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Join the Lifeline Program for the Tribal training to learn more about the Lifeline Program and the application process.

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
3:00 p.m. ET
Register

Questions or Suggestions?
Contact USAC Tribal Liaison, **Kraynal Alfred**, at TribalTraining@usac.org or (202) 572-5733.