

E-Rate Update for Business Officials

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Imagine...if you have **\$20 million**

What if every dollar could be doubled?

\$40 million

What if every dollar could be tripled?

\$60 million

What is E-Rate?

- Program that provides discounts for schools and libraries for
 - Broadband connectivity to the building
 - Broadband connectivity within the building

- NSLP Data determines the discount



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Why Apply?

- \$3.9 billion available annually
- 2015: \$64.5 million
- 2016: \$67.1 million
- 2017: \$48.6 million so far...



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Who can participate?

Eligible entities at

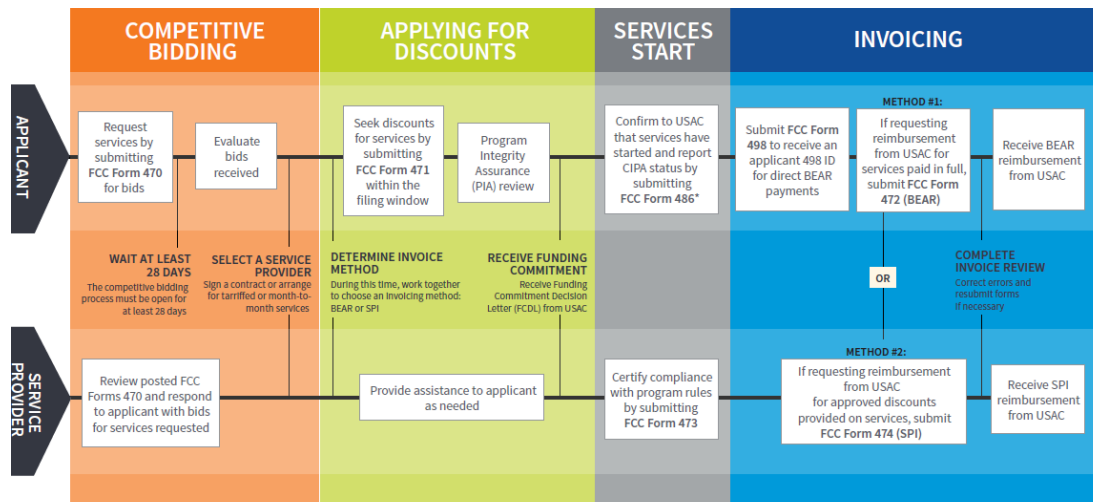
- Eligible locations
- Applying for eligible services
- Eligible Services lists on USAC.org



Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program APPLICATION PROCESS

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

APPLICANTS: Applicants must first have an entity number and an E-rate Productivity Center (EPC) account.
SERVICE PROVIDERS: Service providers must first obtain a Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN /service provider 498 ID) by submitting FCC Form 498.



Record Retention



- Applicants required to retain records for ten years from last date of service
- Services ending June 30, 2018
 - Records retained through June 30, 2028
- What do keep?
 - Short answer?
 - EVERYTHING



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State-Level Activities in Support of E-Rate

Continued Training, Communication, and Support

- Weekly E-Rate Forum
- Trainings (Developing) and Presentations
- Two-way listserv for E-Rate relevant topics
 - Erate@michigan.gov



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Questions?

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