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### Commitments for Funding Year 2006

**Funding Year 2006.** USAC will release FY2006 Wave 9 funding commitment decision letters (FCDLs) June 20. As of June 16, FY2006 commitments total just under \$377 million for approved Priority 1 requests (Telecommunications Services and Internet Access).

USAC will continue to issue weekly funding commitment waves. After noon on the date that the FCDLs are mailed, you can check to see if you have a commitment by using USAC's [Automated Search of Commitments](#) tool.

### FY2006 Form 486 Notification Letters

The first batch of Form 486 Notification Letters for FY2006 will be dated and mailed June 21. This batch should include letters to applicants that certified Forms 486 before June 14 and to service providers with Service Provider Identification Numbers (SPINs) featured on those forms. New batches of letters will then be generated and mailed on a weekly basis.

### Deadline Change for Information Requests

Beginning earlier this month, USAC moved from a seven-day deadline for responses to information requests to a 15-day deadline, to conform to the response times mandated by the FCC in the first appeals remand order [FCC 06-54](#). This means that, in general, applicants and service providers will have 15 days to respond to a request for information from Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) review, problem resolution, and other USAC functions.

In the past, USAC asked for information to be returned within seven days. After seven days, USAC sent a reminder and automatically allowed another seven days for the applicant or service provider to respond. Now, applicants and service providers will have 15 days to respond to such request, with a reminder sent one week before the information is due. Extensions will be granted but extensions longer than one week will require special approval.

Please keep the following in mind:

- USAC put the revised procedure into effect in early June. If USAC contacted you before this procedure went into effect, you will fall under the seven-day procedure described above. You will know which procedure USAC is following because USAC's communication to you will specify a deadline of either seven days or 15 days.
- From May 26 through September 8, USAC's Summer Contact procedure is in effect. That means that USAC must make a successful two-way contact before it can enforce its [Deadlines for Information Requests](#).
- The deadline for responding to Selective Review Information Requests is still 30 days. Extensions longer than one week also require special approval.
- Let USAC know if you are available during the summer to answer questions. You can respond to the email, fax, or voicemail we leave in our attempt to contact you; [update the contact information on your form](#); or click on the active link "Held for Contact Person" in the [Form 471 Application Status Tool](#) if that is the status of your application.

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