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Commitments for Funding Years 2006 and 2005

Funding Year 2006. USAC will release FY2006 Wave 10 funding commitment decision letters (FCDLs) June 27. As of June 23, FY2006 commitments total just under \$404 million for approved Priority 1 requests (Telecommunications Services and Internet Access).

Funding Year 2005. USAC will release FY2005 Wave 51 FCDLs June 28. This wave will include commitments for approved Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance funding requests at 85% and above. As of June 23, FY2005 commitments total over \$1.68 billion.

USAC will continue to issue weekly funding commitment waves for both FY2006 and FY2005. After noon on the date that the FCDLs are mailed, you can check to see if you have a commitment in either funding year by using USAC's Automated Search of Commitments tool.

Still Calling for Item 21 Attachments

Each month, hundreds of new Item 21 attachments for FY2006 applications continue to arrive both online and on paper. Applicants that have not yet sent Item 21 attachments to USAC are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

- If you filed your Form 471 online and you still have your application number and security code, you can file your Item 21 attachment online.
- If you do not have your security code and you are filing by email, fax, or on paper, remember to include your Form 471 application number for reference.
- If your Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) reviewer has already requested your Item 21 attachment, submit it directly to your reviewer or make sure your reviewer knows how and when you have submitted your attachment.

Remember, once your application has been assigned for review and PIA requests one or more missing Item 21 attachments, this request becomes subject to USAC's <u>Deadlines for Information Requests</u>. That means that if PIA does not receive the attachment within the time allotted, your application will be processed with the information on hand, which will result in a denial or a reduction in funding.

Additional Guidance on Pattern Analysis Order

USAC has published a <u>table of all applications listed in the appendix</u> of the second appeals remand order (also referred to as the "pattern analysis" order, <u>FCC 06-55</u>). The table contains the following:

- Billed Entity Name
- Billed Entity Number
- Funding Year
- Correct Form 471 Application Number

The table is sorted alphabetically by Billed Entity Name. If a Billed Entity has more than one entry, those entries are sorted by Form 471 Application Number.

Note that USAC will only be reconsidering its decisions on funding requests that fit the fact pattern in the order. In other words, if one Funding Request Number (FRN) on a Form 471 was denied due to the appearance of improper third-party association in the applicant's competitive

bidding process and a second FRN was denied for a different reason, USAC would reconsider only its decision on the first FRN.

Information on applications that were not specifically included in this list but that will receive relief under this order will be provided in a future News Brief.

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