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Commitments for Funding Years 2006

Funding Year 2006. USAC will release FY2006 Wave 11 funding commitment decision letters (FCDLs) July 6. As of June 30, FY2006 commitments total over \$444 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.

Reminder: USAC Does Not Evaluate, Approve, Sponsor or Endorse Service Providers, Consultants or Other Third Parties

USAC would like to remind schools and libraries that USAC **does not** evaluate, approve, sponsor or endorse any service providers, consultants or other third parties that may offer their services to participants in the Schools and Libraries Program.

Specifically with regard to service providers, USAC has received a number of inquiries from schools and libraries asking whether the fact that a service provider has obtained a Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) implies some measure of approval or endorsement of the service provider on the part of USAC. The answer is no.

USAC assigns a SPIN to a service provider that requests it primarily for billing purposes. The SPIN is simply an identification number which must be obtained in order for a service provider to participate in the program. Any individual service provider may obtain a SPIN by providing the information requested on Form 498 – the Service Provider Information Form – and submitting it to USAC. USAC does not evaluate, approve, or endorse particular service providers. Such an evaluation must be made by each school or library seeking services.

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