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Schools and Libraries News Brief

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TIP OF THE WEEK: If you are registering for a "Back to the New Basics" fall training session, remember to also follow the instructions for making a hotel reservation. Registering with USAC for the training session does not automatically reserve a room for you at the conference hotel.

Commitments for Funding Years 2007 and 2006

Funding Year 2007. USAC will release FY2007 Wave 13 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) July 31. This wave will include commitments for approved Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance requests at 90%. As of July 27, FY2007 commitments total just over \$902 million.

Funding Year 2006. USAC will release FY2006 Wave 60 FCDLs August 1. This wave will include commitments for approved Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance funding requests at 86% and above and denials at 85% and below. As of July 27, FY2006 commitments total just under \$1.95 billion.

On the day after the FCDLs are mailed, you can check to see if you have a commitment by using USAC's [Automated Search of Commitments](#) tool.

FCC Issues Public Notice on Eligible Services List

Today the FCC released a Public Notice (FCC 07-130) establishing the comment period for the Funding Year 2008 Eligible Services List.

Comments on the draft Eligible Services List, which is attached to the Public Notice, are due to the FCC on or before August 10, 2007. Reply comments are due to the FCC on or before August 17, 2007.

We will post a copy of the Public Notice and the draft Eligible Services List on the USAC website as soon as possible. On Monday, after the July 30 issue of the Daily Digest is posted to the [FCC's Daily Digest webpage](#), you can click on the link on that page marked "DISPLAY the current issue..." for more information.

Fall Training Update

On Monday, USAC opened registration for the fall training sessions. Here are the current numbers of registrations (as of 9:00 A.M. EDT today):

City	Dates	Registrants
Washington, DC	September 13-14	250
Orlando, FL	September 18-19	133
Boston, MA	September 27-28	103
New Orleans, LA	October 2-3	120
Cleveland, OH	October 9-10	110
San Francisco, CA	October 17-18	150
Phoenix, AZ	October 24-25	220

Once a session has reached 250 registrants, USAC starts a waiting list. If you find that you cannot attend a session after you have registered, please remember to cancel your registration to open a slot for someone else.

If you have questions, you can direct them to the email address or the telephone number provided on the [2007 Training announcement](#) under "How to Register."

Certifying Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act

The [Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#) was signed into law on December 21, 2000. In general, CIPA requires schools and libraries receiving discounts on Internet Access, Internal Connections and/or Basic Maintenance services to certify that they are enforcing a policy of Internet safety that includes measures to block or filter Internet access for both minors and adults to certain visual depictions.

To receive discounted services, entities must make one or more specific certifications about their compliance with CIPA. To understand when and how certifications must be made, you must first understand who is acting as the Billed Entity and who is acting as the Administrative Authority.

The Billed Entity is the entity identified in Block 1 of the Form 471.

- If you filed a Form 471 online, you searched for your Billed Entity Number (BEN) as the first step in the online process. If you filed on paper, you listed the name of your Billed Entity in Item 1 and your BEN in Item 3.
- If you were listed on a Form 471 Block 4 worksheet but your BEN is not featured in Block 1, then you are not the Billed Entity. For example, if you are a member of a consortium listed in Block 4 but you are not the consortium leader featured in Block 1, then you are not the Billed Entity for the services listed on that Form 471.

The Billed Entity featured in Block 1 of the Form 471 is also the Billed Entity featured on Block 1 of the Form 486.

The Administrative Authority for a school or library is the entity that must make the relevant certification for purposes of CIPA.

- For a school, the Administrative Authority may be the school, school district, school board, local educational agency, or other authority with responsibility for administration of the school.
- For a library, the Administrative Authority may be the library, library board, or other authority with responsibility for administration of the library.

To receive discounted services, the Administrative Authority for your school or library must certify that:

- You are in compliance with CIPA, or
- You are undertaking actions to comply with CIPA, or
- CIPA does not apply because you are receiving discounts for Telecommunications Services only.

The Administrative Authority will make the necessary certification on either:

- Form 486, *Receipt of Service Confirmation Form*, or
- Form 479, *Certification of Administrative Authority to Billed Entity of Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act*

The form used to make a certification for purposes of CIPA depends on whether the Administrative Authority is also the Billed Entity.

- If the Administrative Authority is also the Billed Entity, the Administrative Authority certifies on Form 486 (Items 11a – c).
- If the Administrative Authority is not the Billed Entity, the Administrative Authority must complete Form 479 and submit the Form 479 to the Billed Entity. The Billed Entity then certifies on the Form 486 (Items 11d – e) that it has collected duly

completed and signed Form(s) 479. The Billed Entity does not need to collect Forms 479 when the Billed Entity applies only for Telecommunications Services.

- If the Billed Entity is the Administrative Authority for some recipients of service but not others, the Billed Entity may make more than one certification and will collect and retain Forms 479 from the entities for which it is not the Administrative Authority.

In addition, keep the following in mind:

- In general, a school district is the Administrative Authority for the individual schools in that district. If this is the case, the school district can certify on behalf of those individual schools and it is not necessary for each individual school to make the certification. Similarly, if a library system is the Administrative Authority for all the outlets or branches of the library system, the library system can certify on behalf of all of those individual outlets or branches.
- If a Billed Entity must collect Forms 479, those forms must be dated and collected before the relevant Form 486 is dated and submitted.

For specific information and guidance on CIPA, including the requirements, the timetable for compliance, and a definition and examples of "undertaking actions" to comply with CIPA, please refer to the [Form 486 \(Receipt of Service Confirmation Form\)](#), the [Form 486 Instructions](#), and [Applicant Step 10, Children's Internet Protection Act](#) in the Reference Area of the website.

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