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Schools and Libraries News Brief

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TIP OF THE WEEK: Remember that the [summer contact procedures](#) are in effect, and we will put the processing or review of your form on hold until September 11 if we cannot make a successful two-way contact with someone that can answer our questions. To resume the processing or review of your form, call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100 or contact your PIA reviewer using the contact information on your faxed or emailed list of PIA questions.

Commitments for Funding Years 2009 and 2008

Funding Year 2009. USAC will release FY2009 Wave 15 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) August 4. This wave includes commitments for approved Priority 1 requests (Telecommunications Services and Internet Access) for schools and libraries at all discount levels. As of July 31, FY2009 commitments total over \$657 million.

Funding Year 2008. USAC will release FY2008 Wave 63 FCDLs August 3. This wave includes commitments for approved Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance requests at 88% and above and denials at 86% and below. As of July 31, FY2008 commitments total just under \$2.35 billion.

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

Update on Fall Applicant Training

To sign up for one of USAC's fall applicant training sessions, visit the [2009 Schools and Libraries Fall Applicant Trainings page](#) and register for the training that is most convenient for you. You can also find information on the conference hotel for each training session.

There is still space available in Orlando, Portland, and Newark, and registration for the Houston session should be available soon. When registration is full for a particular location, USAC will start a waiting list. If your plans change, please [email USAC](#) to cancel your registration so USAC can open a slot for someone else.

Form 486 Notification Letters

USAC issues Form 486 Notification Letters after Forms 486 have been certified by applicants and successfully processed by USAC. Both applicants and service providers receive copies of these letters. USAC cannot process invoices for a Funding Request Number (FRN) before a Form 486 Notification Letter is issued for a certified Form 486 featuring that FRN.

USAC issues Form 486 Notification Letters once each week for all Forms 486 successfully processed since the last batch of letters was issued.

- Each applicant letter summarizes the information for all FRNs on a single Form 486.
- Each service provider letter summarizes the information for all FRNs that feature that service provider's SPIN on all Forms 486. If a service provider has more than one SPIN, USAC will issue one service provider letter for each SPIN.
- You can view a [sample of the applicant letter](#) and a [sample of the service provider letter](#) on the USAC website.

In some cases, USAC must adjust the service start date reported on the Form 486 to comply with program rules. For example, if an applicant reports a service start date of 07/01/2009 for an Internet Access FRN but does not come into compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) until 09/01/2009, USAC will adjust the service start date to 09/01/2009.

USAC may review a Form 486 for compliance with the program requirements for technology planning before the form is successfully processed. If a Form 486 undergoes this review, USAC

does not issue a Form 486 Notification Letter until all compliance issues have been resolved. In addition, USAC may have to adjust the reported service start date as described above.

If the technology plan covering the requested services does not meet program requirements or USAC cannot verify the approval of the technology plan, USAC will reject the Form 486 and notify the applicant with a **Form 486 Rejection Letter**. The Form 486 Rejection Report attached to the letter provides the reason(s) for the rejection and also identifies any FRNs that feature only [basic telephone service](#), since a technology plan is not required for basic telephone service.

- Applicants will have 20 days from the date of the Form 486 Rejection Letter to timely submit a new Form 486 for the basic telephone service FRNs, which do not require a technology plan.
- If it is possible to correct the problem that caused USAC to reject the Form 486, the applicant can submit a new Form 486 for the FRNs other than basic telephone service after the problem has been corrected.

If USAC, in consultation with the applicant, cancels a Form 486, USAC will issue a **Form 486 Cancellation Letter** to the applicant stating that the form has been canceled. USAC will also issue a copy of the applicant letter to each SPIN referenced on an FRN from that Form 486. As above, the applicant can resubmit a Form 486 after program requirements have been met.

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