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Guidance on Selecting Service Types for Category One Funding Requests

The accuracy of the data submitted in the online FCC Form 471 is critical to accomplishing the goals of the E-rate program. In order to help you select and submit the most accurate information, we have provided a table below that provides terms, service types and definitions as well as helpful hints. Please review the information provided in the table as you fill out your Funding Year 2015 (FY2015) application so that you can submit the most accurate data on your application. Finally, please visit [our website](#) for a host of information available to you with respect to FY2015.

Term	Service Type	Definition and Helpful Hints
Digital Transmission Service	Telecommunications Service	Use this when you are seeking a broadband connection that just provides transport. For circuits that have a defined speed, such as T-1, the online application will automatically populate the bandwidth speeds. If you are not sure of the upload and download speeds of your connection, check with your service provider. Do not file your FRN in Telecommunications Service if you are purchasing a broadband circuit that comes with Internet Access. In that case, use the Internet Access service type.
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IA Only (no circuit)	Internet Access	Use this when you are purchasing Internet access without any accompanying broadband connectivity. This is Internet Access at the provider's point of presence, but does not also provide the physical connection FROM that provider's point of presence to the school or library. Do not select this generically to designate any Internet Access service. Note that "(no circuit)" is the operative term – if the circuit connecting the schools and libraries to the provider's point of presence is included with the service, you should select "Digital Transmission Service."
Purpose – Internet	Internet Access	Select this for a connection from a particular school/library or aggregation point (such as a district's central hub or a library's main branch) to an Internet service provider (ISP). This can also be a direct Internet access connection to a single school or library not on a Wide Area Network.
Purpose – Transport	Telecommunications Service	Select this for dedicated data connections between eligible school or library buildings, often referred to as a Wide Area Network. (Do not select this category if your WAN service is bundled with/includes Internet; instead select "Internet and Transport.")

Purpose – Internet and Transport	Telecommunications Service and Internet Access	Select this for bundled service providing both the connection to an ISP from a particular building or aggregation point as well as the data connections between multiple school or library buildings. Do not select this category if your invoice itemizes Internet access and Transport (Wide Area Network connections) separately. Enter each of those services as separate line items and select either "Internet" or "Transport."
Burstable Bandwidth	Telecommunications Service and Internet Access	If you can sometimes get more bandwidth than what is normally provided, indicate the speed of such additional bandwidth. For example, your ISP may be able to provide additional bandwidth for certain high-demand times of the year, such as student testing periods. Check with your provider if you are not sure if this is an option for you. Generally speaking, the only limitation of bandwidth is the physical medium itself.
Last Mile Connection	Telecommunications Service and Internet Access	Indicate yes if this is the physical connection that brings Internet access or Transport to the school or library. A last mile connection is defined as the connection to an individual school or library building, such as a Wide Area Network connection or a direct Internet connection not on a Wide Area Network. Last mile should NOT include the Internet circuit to a district hub.
WAN	Telecommunications Service and Internet Access	Indicate yes if this circuit connects one or more of your schools/libraries together. Excluded from this definition is a network that provides connections between or among buildings of a single school campus or between or among buildings of a single library campus, when those connections do not cross a public right of way. WAN can be leased as a Telecommunications Service, or, if leasing of the WAN is the most cost-effective means of obtaining Internet access, it can be applied for in Internet Access. In that case, the service must be limited strictly to basic conduit access to the Internet. Do not choose "WAN" if the purpose of the circuit is not either "Transport" or "Internet and Transport."

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