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TIP OF THE WEEK: The Submit a Question tool has been successfully retired. To find guidance on how to submit questions, attachments, and requests (appeals, SPIN changes, service substitutions, invoice deadline extensions), you can review the [July 3 SL News Brief](#).

Commitments for Funding Year 2018

Funding Year 2018. USAC released Funding Year (FY) 2018 Wave 14 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) on July 13. As of July 13, FY2018 commitments total over \$1.38 billion.

On the date that FCDLs are issued, you can access your FCDL notification from the **Notifications** section of your landing page in the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC).

Information Resources for the FY2019 FCC Form 470

The FCC Form 470 for FY2019 became available on July 1, 2018. Applicants – especially those with long procurement cycles – can complete and certify this form for the upcoming funding year.

Below is a list of the resources that are currently available on the USAC website to help applicants complete the FCC Form 470 for FY2019.

Video series

Each video in the [FCC Form 470 Video Series](#) walks users through a step in the filing process for the FCC Form 470, from completing and certifying the form to adding a request for proposal (RFP) document after the form is certified.

The series includes the following videos:

- [Starting Your FCC Form 470](#)
- [Service Requests: Category One](#)
- [Service Requests: Category Two](#)
- [FCC Form 470 Technical Contact, Procurement Information, and Certification](#)
- [Post an Additional RFP Document](#)
- [How to Search for FCC Forms 470](#)

This video series is located in the [Online Learning Library](#).

User guide

The [FCC Form 470 User Guide](#) begins with some general information about EPC that is necessary for the applicant to start the filing process, and then gives a step-by-step description of each section of the FCC Form 470, complete with screenshots of the screens that users will encounter as they proceed through the form. It also demonstrates the process of submitting allowable corrections and additions to the form after it has been certified.

You can find the [FCC Form 470 User Guide](#) on the [Forms](#) page under the **FCC Form 470** heading, and also on the [FCC Form 470 Filing](#) page.

Category One drop-downs

The [Category One Services Drop-down Menu Reference Table](#) is a three-column table that identifies the appropriate drop-down menu option for Category One service requests on the FCC Form 470. You can find the [Category One Services Drop-down Menu Reference Table](#) on the [Forms](#) page under the **FCC Form 470** heading, on the [FCC Form 470 Filing](#) page, and in the [Reference Area](#) under "F."

The three columns in the table contain the following information:

- The left-hand column describes the services included in each drop-down menu option.
- The middle column contains the corresponding drop-down menu option(s) that should be chosen to seek bids on the services described in the left-hand column.
- The right-hand column indicates whether choosing this drop-down menu option will require the applicant to create an RFP document that provides a detailed description of the service requested.

For examples of certain situations for which applicants are seeking bids and the appropriate drop-down(s) to choose in those situations, you can refer to the [June 29 SL News Brief](#).

Certified FCC Form 470 searches

You can search for certified FCC Forms 470 through EPC or the USAC website.

- To perform a search in EPC, follow the instructions in the [FCC Form 470 Search User Guide](#). You can find the [FCC Form 470 Search User Guide](#) on the [Forms](#) page under the FCC Form 470 heading, and also on the [FCC Form 470 Filing](#) page.
- To perform a search on the USAC website, go to the [Tools](#) page and click the [View an FCC Form 470 \(FY2016 and later\)](#) link under the **FCC Form 470 Tools** heading. Enter or choose your search criteria and click Search. Note that you can specify whether you want your results in HTML or XLS format.

Both types of searches allow you to access RFP documents attached to the forms as well as the forms themselves.

Website content updates

The following website documents have been updated with information on filing FCC Form 470 for FY2019:

- [Competitive Bidding](#)
- [FCC Form 470 Filing](#)
- [FAQs: Eligible Fiber Services.](#)

July 18 Webinar - Register Today

In June, our webinar topic will be **E-rate Program 101**. Designed for beginners, this webinar will cover discuss basic concepts in the E-rate Program, an outline of the application process, EPC accounts, and available resources for you to locate additional information.

If you would like to learn more about these concepts, please join us for the live webinar at 3:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 18. You will be able to pose questions during the webinar using the chat function. USAC staff members will be responding to individual questions in real time using the chat function, and the webinar facilitators will also respond to questions of general interest at the end of the webinar.

To register for the webinar in advance, you can [click here](#). Registration is also available on the [Trainings & Outreach](#) page and the [Webinars](#) page. If you register but are unable to attend, you can click the registration link to watch a recording of the webinar.

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