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Schools and Libraries Program News Brief

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TIP OF THE WEEK: Monitor the contact information you provided on your FY2019 FCC Form 471. USAC will use this information to contact you if we have any questions or need more information about your application to complete our review process.

Commitments for Funding Year 2018

Funding Year 2018. USAC released FY2018 Wave 54 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) on April 18. As of April 19, FY2018 commitments total over \$2.19 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).

May Webinar Reminder

Join us on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 for our E-rate Program webinar on the FCC Form 486 and the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). In this webinar, we will explain the purpose of the form, when to file the form, and the consequences of filing the form late. We will also cover CIPA compliance and the FCC Form 479 filing requirement for consortium members. <u>Click here</u> to register.

You will be able to ask questions using the Questions box in the webinar platform. USAC staff members will respond verbally to questions of general interest at the end of each webinar.

Registration is also available on the <u>Webinars</u> page. If you register but are unable to attend, you can click the registration link to watch a recording of the presentation. If you missed the Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) webinar on April 17, you can go to our <u>Online Learning Library</u> to watch a recording.

URL Changes to Legacy Functions

For network security purposes, we are changing the web addresses for some of the legacy forms and tools that users currently access on the **slforms.universalservice.org** domain. We will automatically redirect users to the new address for each form or tool, but we suggest that you update any bookmarks that you have created for these forms and tools.

Earlier this week, we changed the web addresses for the following four legacy tools:

- **FCC Form 470 Download Tool** You can use this tool to search for FCC Forms 470 filed before EPC was available, including some FY2016 forms and all forms for earlier funding years.
- **FCC Form 471 Status Tool** You can use this tool to find the status of FCC Forms 471 completed or certified for FY2015 and earlier by a specific billed entity number (BEN) in a single funding year.
- **Search for BEN Information Tool** You can use this tool to search for information on BENs by entity type, full or partial name, zip code, or state/territory. This tool contains some legacy information that may not be available in the Entity Download Tool.
- **SPIN Search Tool** You can use this tool to search for information on Service Provider Identification Numbers (SPINs) by name or SPIN. This tool contains some legacy information that may not be available in the <u>Service Provider Download Tool</u>.

We will continue to provide information on updated web addresses for legacy forms and tools as these changes are implemented.

USAC Seeks IT Enhancement Feedback

The <u>Share Your E-rate Technical System Ideas</u> page continues to be available for program participants to submit their ideas and feedback for improving and/or enhancing Schools and Libraries information systems. Information submitted to USAC through the feedback form on this webpage should only pertain to proposed changes to the E-rate related information technology (IT) systems.

To share your thoughts and ideas, go to the web page, enter your name and email address, identify your role in the E-rate Program, and describe your idea. When you are finished, click the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the page.

If we have questions or would like more information about your submission, we may send you a request to the email address you provided. If you do not wish to be contacted by USAC, please notify us by email at <u>privacy@usac.org</u>.

Note that we cannot respond to specific inquiries or requests for assistance through the <u>Share</u> <u>Your E-rate Technical System Ideas</u> page. For these issues, submit a customer service case in EPC or call Client Service Bureau at 888-203-8100.

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