

October 2018 Sandhills CTO Meeting

E-Rate Update

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2017 FUNDING YEAR

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- Deadline to file Form 472 BEAR for Funding Year 2017: 10/28/2018
- If additional time is needed, file for ONE 120 day extension NOW!
- The IDER (extension request) is located under “Related Actions” in EPC or is still in the BEAR legacy system main page.



- Check to make sure Form 486 has been filed and approved
- Let service providers know, **IN WRITING**, if you want Service Provider Invoicing (SPI billing)

- Administrative Window is OPEN until 1st week January 2019
- Update entity information during this time
- State Coordinators will send official State Valid File information out in December
- Update the portal with the State Valid File numbers

- Category 1 Planning: File Form 470 for WAN, if needed
Do it NOW – before end of October
- Follow guidelines we suggested – ask State Coordinators to review the draft
- Wait 28 days minimum before reviewing and evaluating bids following E-rate rules and documenting everything!

- Category 2 Planning
- Determine how much budget remains for each school building. Continue to use \$156.23 as the amount per student
- Decide what you want to purchase and begin the quote/mini-bid process

FY 2019-2020

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We expect the Form 471 Filing Window to open approximately January 10th, but the official announcement has not yet been made.

Be ready! Proceed as if the window will open on that date.



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We ask that you ***PLAN AHEAD***
to have applications submitted

no later than March 10th.



TARIFFS ON TELECOM AND NETWORKING EQUIPMENT

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- As discussed in our newsletter of October 1st, new or proposed tariffs, particularly on telecommunications and networking equipment or components from China, could raise prices 10-25%. A brief announcement by Aruba, a Hewlett Packard Enterprise company, reports a flat 5% increase effective November 1st, and warns of additional price increases if the U.S. government proceeds with an announced plan to raise the tariff to 25% at the beginning of 2019. What this means is:
- ***IF YOU HAVE AN FCDL, GET YOUR PO'S SUBMITTED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH !!***



C2 Contracts

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- NCDPI is filing a new Form 470/RFP for Category 2 for the next five year cycle
- Adding libraries who choose to participate
 - C2 only



Questions?

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