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E-Rate for FY 2024:

The Form 471 filing window for FY 2024 closed on March 27th. The preliminary demand total is \$3.2 billion, up from \$2.9 billion last year. Initial funding requests from North Carolina were \$87.7 million. If USAC stays true to form, Wave 1 will be issued before the end of this month.

E-Rate for FY 2023:

USAC issued Wave 52 for FY 2023 on Thursday, April 18th, for \$1.03 million for six applications none for North Carolina. Total funding is \$2.58 billion including \$222 million for Texas. At this point, USAC has funded 98.1% of the originally submitted applications representing 94.3% of the dollars requested.

Updates and Reminders

Upcoming Dates:

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| April 26 | Form 486 deadline for FY 2023 Wave 36. More generally, the Form 486 deadline is 120 days from the FCDL date or from the service start date (typically July 1 st), whichever is later. Upcoming Form 486 deadlines are: |
| | Wave 37 05/03/2024 |
| | Wave 38 05/10/2024 |
| | Wave 39 05/17/2024 |
| | Wave 40 05/24/2024 |
| May 28 | Extended invoice deadline for FY 2022 non-recurring service FRNs. |
| June 30 | Last day to receive FY 2023 recurring services and all ECF Window 3 services. |
| June 30 | Last day to light fiber (or request an extension) for special construction projects from FY 2023. |
| August 29 | Invoice deadline for ECF Window 3 applications. |

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[USAC's E-Rate News Brief dated April 18, 2024](#), provides reminders and tips related to the PIA application review process including the following:

- A reminder for service providers to file their Form 473, Service Provider Annual Certification (“SPAC”) for FY 2024. Note: Neither BEAR nor SPI invoices will be paid by USAC if the associated service providers have not filed their SPACs for that funding year.
- A brief overview of the PIA process including initial review, final review, and quality assurance.
- Suggestions to applicants to:
 - Review their Form 471s and submit, if necessary, RAL Modification Requests.
 - Review and update, if necessary, contract records.
 - Review and retain competitive bidding information.
 - Monitor your contact address and EPC account.
 - Monitor the status of your application using USAC's [E-Rate FRN Status Tool FY2016+](#).

The News Brief also indicates that the registration window for this fall's three in-person USAC training sessions will open at 3:00 p.m. EDT tomorrow, April 23rd, with the following registration links:

- September 17th in Dallas, Texas. [Register](#).
- October 7th in Washington, D.C. [Register](#).
- October 29th in Fayetteville, Arkansas. [Register](#).

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Additional North Carolina specific E-rate information is available through our Web site — <http://www.e-ratecentral.com/us/stateInformation.asp?state=NC>. Note that this site provides easy access to formatted North Carolina applicant E-rate histories via the Billed Entity Number (“BEN”) search mechanism in the upper left-hand corner. Detailed information can be obtained by “drilling down” using the links for specific funding years and individual FRNs.

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