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Submitting Organization CALUMET SCHOOL DISTRICT 132 (BEN: 135784)

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I have researched several different schools requests for this same type of service and many do not provide any more information than is in this request. I have attached additional document that further provides information to support the request for reconsideration of approving this FRN.

▼ Appeal Details

Decision appealed by applicant Funding Commitment Decision Letter

Type FCC Referral

Category Services Not Posted

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USAC stated:

Upon review of the documentation presented in your request for funding for Funding Request Number (FRN) 1899064346, USAC has determined that the cited FCC Form 470, number 180004909, for FRN 1899064346 is not sufficiently descriptive to allow potential bidders to provide a responsive bid. Category 2: Internal Connections and Managed Internal Broadband Services of the FCC Form 470 must clearly define the specific services or functions to include quantity and/or capacity for which funding will be sought when the FCC Form 470 is filed. Your FCC Form 470 cited did not specify the services or functions to be provided which is a violation of the competitive bidding program rules. On appeal, you did not show that USAC's determination was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied. FCC rules require that all products and services for which an applicant requests discounts on an FCC Form 471 must be competitively bid on an FCC Form 470. Specifically, the rules require that, except under limited circumstances, all FCC Forms 470 received be posted on the website for 28 days, and that applicants carefully consider all bids received before selecting a vendor, entering into a legally binding agreement or signing a contract.

Response:

Per USAC Eligibility List:

E-rate Program rules do not require applicants to issue an RFP. Generally, you are not required to issue an RFP unless your state or local procurement rules or regulations require you to do so. However, if you have issued or will issue an RFP, you must upload that document in EPC. Do not upload a document that simply contains a link to the RFP.

Eligibility limitations for managed internal broadband services – The equipment eligible for support as part of a managed internal broadband service may only include equipment listed as a broadband internal connections component above. Upfront charges that are part of a managed service contract are eligible for E-rate support except to the extent that the upfront charges are for any ineligible internal connections (e.g., servers other than those that are necessary to provide caching) which, if included in the contract, must be cost allocated out of any funding request.

Given that other applicants have been approved given the same conditions as Calumet CUSD 132 and the fact that RFPs are NOT required, please reconsider this denial.