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# Lantel 470 Appeal FY 2016 161026442 - #49770

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## Appeal Information

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## Narrative

The Belton School District #124, Belton MO, is submitting an appeal for the denial of form 471 #161026442. The rational for our appeal is that we followed the direction of a USAC review consultant in how to proceed with our 470s and bidding, we did adhere to the bidding requirement needed within the timeframe, and would have done so differently if the USAC consultant had instructed us to do so.

Our reason for the appeal is that we followed the recommendations of Joe Freddoso, an E-rate consultant with USAC. He let us know that we needed to include the additional bid options for fiber in order to adhere to the related bidding requirements.

We changed our RFP and at the direction of Freddoso, filed an additional 470 (160030553) to solicit bids for the additional lit and dark fiber lease options. He said we could use the additional 470 that referenced back to the (previous 470 160029380) to cover this aspect. No bids came in for the second 470 request so 160030553 was used when filing the 471. Proof of these recommendations are in the attached email conversation with Joe Freddoso. In the conversation, Mr. Freddoso directs us to file this way, confirms that we did it the right way, and then thanks us for doing so.

Our secondary reason for appeal is that we did follow the requirements for this bid request and did solicit, explore and consider all viable options submitted to us. It was achieved with the use of the two 470s as explained above. The requirements were met even if the paperwork was in error.

Our final reason for appeal is that this bidding requirement and aspect was not clearly defined at the time and we did what was needed and requested within our deadline and would have completed whatever filing or paperwork needed if we had been instructed to do so.

Based on the facts, we request an appeal the denial decision of form 471 #161026442.

Sincerely,  
Tony Arbisi  
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## Appeal Details

**Decision appealed by applicant**

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