

March 28, 2019

Willamette Education Service District has been an E-rate applicant, consortium, and “consultant” (in EPC) for many years. The Willamette ESD provides E-rate services for many school districts and charter schools, as well as other ESD’s. The ESDs in Oregon provide an array of services to constituent districts, often times including technology services and makes them an E-rate Eligible entity. In January, the Willamette ESD’s E-rate program has had change of employment. Our new consultant, Gina Boyes, was added to EPC and she worked to have all applicants added to her profile so she could process their Funding Year 19 forms. Gina is our only full-time Willamette ESD consultant. EPC requires the district make these changes, so the last applicant to give Willamette ESD and Gina the required access was processed on February 20, 2019.

Because the delays to get applicants set up properly, Gina had a very small amount of time to assist with RFPs and submitting FCC Form 470s by the deadline of February 27, 2019. At this time, we have 27 applicants assigned as Willamette ESD “clients”.

Due to other delays such as weather related school closure days for Willamette ESD and many of our applicants, late allowable contract dates, contract negotiations, lack of bids and solicitation of bids, and spring break related school closures, there are 12 applications that were filed with “out of window” status.

On Monday, March 25, 2019, Gina had 30 471 applications left to file. The EPC system was slow and grew increasingly slower over the next two days. Gina reached out in concern and our previous E-rate consultant assisted her. They were only able to process 18 applications between March 25-27 due to the severe delays with EPC. After the window closed and the system was no longer exhibiting delays, 11 applications were filed on March 28, 2019 (two are stamped 3/29/19 reflecting time difference) and 1 on March 29, 2019.

Willamette ESD is offering this document in support of any Petition for Waiver of FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline submitted by applicants listed in the document labeled “Waiver Request Application Details”.

Please contact me if there are any additional questions.

Thank you,

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