



Calhoun County School District

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471 Application #: 1036005
FRN: 2820086
Funding Year: 2015
Service Provider: BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC
SPIN 143004824

Reason for Appeal: Disputing the Recovery of Funds from Calhoun County School District in the amount of \$10,273.85 for telecom service.

Relief Sought:
Calhoun County School District DOES NOT AGREE with the #2 finding (found in the USAC Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter-attached) of returning \$10,273.85 to USAC.

Explanation:
USAC claims that Calhoun County School District did not list two entities (Calhoun City Middle School NCES Code# 288701105 and Vardaman Elementary School NCES Code# 288701106) on the Item 21 attachment of 471 Application 1036005 (attached), but these two entities WERE LISTED on the 471 Application 1036005 as Entities twice. It was due to a clerical error that these two entities were not added on the Item 21 attachment. Since the 471 application in question dates back to 2015, Calhoun County School District cannot use the online website (EPC) to review the Item 21 attachment documentation as seen by USAC.

The two entities in question have been established instructional entities within the Calhoun County School District for at least the last 7 years. Calhoun City Middle School houses 5th through 8th grades in Calhoun City, MS. and Vardaman Elementary School houses Pre-k through 6th grades in Vardaman, MS. Receiving and utilizing telecom services at these two identified entities is a must for a daily enriched instructional delivery for our students. Calhoun City Middle School and Vardaman Elementary School have been listed as instructional entities on the USAC filing system documentation for at least the last 7 years without incident. Furthermore, completing the Item 21 attachment process was a cumbersome and repetitive process that does not exist any longer with USAC filing. The Item 21 attachment information that was entered in the past by the Applicant, no longer exists and is pre-populated in the EPC portal. In order to appeal this finding, Calhoun County School District had to appeal through the Customer Service Portal due to the Item 21 for 471 1036005 is not available to dispute through the EPC portal, Customer Service Case numbers 218509, 217729, 218802 and 218786. Calhoun County School District DISAGREES in returning funding to USAC based on established instructional entities and clerical errors committed on obsolete practices that no longer exist.

Finally, the identified 471 application 1036005 in the 2015 funding year was fully funded and funds fully disbursed to Calhoun County School District after winning an appeal from USAC, **Case ID: SL-2016-09-Case 343, in which Calhoun County School District had to prove charges for telecom services reimbursement to our established entities within the school district. Calhoun City Middle School and Vardaman Elementary School were not questioned as whether or not they were eligible entities to receive benefits under the USAC program at the time of our appeal, but was approved for FULL FUNDING for \$100,170.00. As a rural school district, these dollars have been obligated and expended for the betterment of our students.**

At this time, please consider our request for appeal on this matter and let Calhoun County School District use these dollars in question to continue our Educational Plan for our district.

**Kim Springer,
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