Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

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Re:	Applicant Name:	ACCELERATED INTERMEDIATE ACADEMY
	Billed Entity Number:	227989
	Form 471 Application Number:	478379
	Funding Request Number(s):	1321506
	Your Correspondence Dated:	May 23, 2017

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2005 Commitment Adjustment Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1321506
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- During the review process, USAC gave you an opportunity to demonstrate that the competitive bidding process was not compromised and you failed to do so. Since you violated the FCC competitive bidding rules, USAC rescinded your funding request and sought recovery of any funds disbursed. On appeal, you have not demonstrated that USAC's determination was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied.

  FCC rules require that, except under limited circumstances, an eligible school, library or consortium that includes an eligible school or library shall seek competitive bids for all services eligible for support and must conduct a fair and open competitive bidding process. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.503(a) and (b). An applicant violates the FCC's competitive bidding requirements when it surrenders control of the bidding process to a

service provider who participated in the competitive bidding process as a bidder. See Request for Review of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Mastermind Internet Services, Inc, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket Nos. 96-45, Order, 16 FCC Rcd 4028, FCC 00-167 para. 9-10 (rel. May 23, 2000). In cases where the Administrator finds "carbon copy" FCC Forms 470 across a series of applications, especially where the services and products requested are complex or substantial, and when the same service provider is involved, it is appropriate for the Administrator to subject such applications to more searching scrutiny to ensure there has been no improper service provider involvement in the competitive bidding process. See Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Ysleta Independent School District, El Paso, Texas, et al., Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., SLD Nos. 321479, et al., CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Order, FCC 03-313 para. 30 (rel. Dec. 8, 2003). The FCC's Fifth Report and Order requires recovery of all funds disbursed for any funding request for which the competitive bidding rules have been violated. See Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Fifth Report and Order and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 15815-15816, FCC 04-190 para. 21 (rel. Aug. 13, 2004).

Since your appeal was denied in full, dismissed or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found under the Reference Area/"Appeals" of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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cc: Derek Gilmore