

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter

Funding Year 2017

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BEN: 16053376**Post Commitment Wave:** 60

Totals

Original Commitment Amount	\$11,832.00
Revised Commitment Amount	\$0.00

What is in this letter?

Thank you for submitting your post-commitment request for Funding Year 2017 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding. Attached to this letter, you will find the revised funding statuses and/or post commitment changes to the original Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) you received. Below are the changes that were made:

- Appeals

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is providing this information to both the applicant(s) and the service provider(s) so that all parties are aware of the post-commitment changes related to their funding requests and can work together to complete the funding process for these requests.

Next Steps

1. **File the FCC Form 486**, Service Confirmation and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Certification Form, for any FRNs included in this RFCDL, if you have not already done so. Please review the CIPA requirements and file the form(s).



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- o **If USAC approved funding on an FRN in your original FCDL**, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of the original FCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
 - o **If a new FRN was created for this RFCDL or funding was not approved on an FRN in your original FCDL but is approved in this RFCDL**, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of this RFCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
2. **Invoice USAC**, if you or your service provider have not already done so. Work with your service provider(s) to determine if your bills will be discounted or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full.
- **If you (the applicant) are invoicing USAC:** You must pay your service provider(s) the full cost for the services you receive and file the [FCC Form 472](#), the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, to invoice USAC for reimbursement of the discounted amount.
 - **If your service provider(s) is invoicing USAC:** The service provider(s) must provide services, bill the applicant for the non-discounted share, and file the [FCC Form 474](#), the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) form, to invoice USAC for reimbursement for the discounted portion of costs. Every funding year, service providers must file an [FCC Form 473](#), the Service Provider Annual Certification Form, to be able to submit invoices and to receive disbursements.
 - **To receive an invoice deadline extension, the applicant or service provider** must request an extension on or before the last date to invoice. **If you anticipate, for any reason, that invoices cannot be filed on time**, USAC will grant a one-time, 120-day invoice deadline extension if timely requested.

How to Appeal or Request a Waiver of a Decision

You can appeal or request a waiver of a decision in this letter **within 60 calendar days** of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this deadline will result in an automatic dismissal of your appeal or waiver request.

Note: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will not accept appeals of USAC decisions that have not first been appealed to USAC. However, if you are seeking a waiver of E-rate program rules, you must submit your request to the FCC and not to USAC. USAC is not able to waive the E-rate program rules.

- **To submit your appeal to USAC**, visit the Appeals section in the [E-rate Productivity Center \(EPC\)](#) and provide the required information. USAC will reply to your appeal submissions to confirm receipt. Visit USAC's [website](#) for additional information on submitting an appeal to USAC, including step-by-step instructions.
- **To request a waiver of the FCC's rules or appeal USAC's appeal decision**, please submit it to the FCC in proceeding number CC Docket No. 02-6 using the [Electronic Comment Filing System](#) (ECFS). Include your contact information, a statement that your filing is a waiver request,



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identifying information, the FCC rule(s) for which you are seeking a waiver, a full description of the relevant facts that you believe support your waiver request and any related relief, and any supporting documentation.

For appeals to USAC or to the FCC, be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation, and provide a copy to the affected service provider(s).

Obligation to Pay Non-Discount Portion

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the eligible products and/or services to their service providers. Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion of costs for the eligible products and/or services. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay the non-discounted share of costs ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If using the BEAR invoicing method, the applicant must pay the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) **before** seeking reimbursement from USAC. If using the SPI invoicing method, the service provider must first bill the applicant **before** invoicing USAC.

Notice on Rules and Funds Availability

The applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program and the FCC's rules. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds.



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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Overview

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Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Request Type	Revised Committed	Review Status
1799084498	PJ Systems, Inc.	Appeals	\$0.00	Denied



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Post Commitment Request Number: 117833	Post Commitment Request Type: Appeals	Post Commitment Decision: Denied
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FRN: 1799084498	Service Type: Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Original Status: Funded	Revised Status: Funded
FCC Form 471: 171037715			

Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-Discount Charges		\$0.00	
Discount Rate		85.00%	
Revised Committed Amount		\$0.00	

Dates		Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Start Date	7/1/2017	Service Provider	PJ Systems, Inc.
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2018	SPIN (498ID)	143007949
Contract Award Date	5/8/2017	Contract Number	23225
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2018	Account Number	
Expiration Date (All Extensions)		Establishing FCC Form 470	170066286

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	Melissa Garber
Consultant's Employer	Garber Consulting Group LLC
CRN	16062944

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments:
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Post Commitment Rationale:

During the appeal review, it has been determined that this funding commitment must be rescinded in full. FCC Form 470 #170066286 did not include the service(s) for which funding was sought in the FCC Form 471 application, which is a violation of the FCC's competitive bidding rules. In your appeal, you have not shown that USAC's determination was incorrect. Consequently, USAC denies your appeal. 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). The following actions violate a fair and open competitive bidding process: the applicant



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for supported services has a relationship with a service provider that would unfairly influence the outcome of a competition or would furnish the service provider with inside information; someone other than the applicant or an authorized representative of the applicant prepares, signs, and submits the FCC Form 470 and certification; a service provider representative is listed as the FCC Form 470 contact person and allows that service provider to participate in the competitive bidding process; the service provider prepares the applicant's FCC Form 470 or participates in the bid evaluation or vendor selection process in any way; the applicant turns over to a service provider the responsibility for ensuring a fair and open competitive bidding process; an applicant employee with a role in the service provider selection process also has an ownership interest in the service provider seeking to participate in the competitive bidding process; and the applicants FCC Form 470 does not describe the supported services with sufficient specificity to enable interested service providers to submit responsive bids. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.503(a). Pursuant to the FCC guidance, the fair and open competitive bidding process is violated if any service provider contact information is listed on the associated FCC Form 470, including address, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail address. See Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Consorcio de Escuelas y Bibliotecas de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, et al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., File No. SLD-228216, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, 17 FCC Rcd 13628, DA 021676 para. 11 (rel. July 15, 2002). The FCC's Fifth Report and Order requires recovery of all funds disbursed for any funding request in which the competitive bidding rules have been violated. See Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 026, Fifth Report and Order and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 1581515816, FCC 04-190 para. 21 (rel. Aug. 13, 2004).