

Exhibit A

FCC Form 472
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Universal Service for Schools and Libraries

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(To be completed by schools, libraries, or consortia.)

BILLED ENTITY APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT FORM

For reimbursement of discounts on approved services already paid for by the Billed Entity Applicant.
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Part 54 of the Commission's Rules authorizes the FCC to collect the information on this form. Failure to provide all requested information will delay the processing of the application or result in the application being returned without action. Information requested by this form will be available for public inspection. Your response is required to obtain the requested authorization.

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Applicant Form Identifier (Create an identifier for your own reference)

FCC Form 472 Invoice #
(To be inserted by administrator)

TT(14-15)

BLOCK 1: HEADER INFORMATION

1. Billed Entity Name	Secaucus School District
2. Billed Entity Number	122772
3. Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)	143027542
4. Contact Name	Peter Visco
5. Contact Telephone Number	973-338-1672
6. Total Reimbursement Amount (total from Block 2, Column 14)	\$20,508.00

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Contact Name Peter Visco

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BLOCK 2: LINE ITEM INFORMATION PER FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER

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FCC Form 471 Application Number (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	Funding Request Number (FRN) (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	Bill Frequency	Customer Billed Date (mm/yyyy)	Shipping Date to Customer or Last Day of Work Performed (mm/dd/yyyy)	Total (Undiscounted) Amount for Service	Discount Rate	Amount Billed to USAC (Column 12 multiplied by Column 13)
		DO NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN.		For each FRN, complete either Column (10) or Column (11), but not both Columns			
1 961276	2625781		07/2014		\$41,016.00	0.50	\$20,508.00
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3							\$0.00
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10							\$0.00
11							\$0.00
12							\$0.00
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14							\$0.00
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT TO BE ENTERED INTO ITEM (6)						\$20,508.00	\$0.00

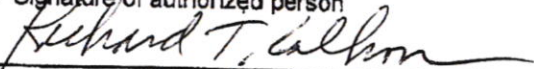
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BILLED ENTITY APPLICANT Reimbursement FormBilled Entity Name Secaucus School DistrictBilled Entity Number 122772Contact Name Peter ViscoApplicant Form Identifier TT(14-15)**Block 3: Billed Entity Certification**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am authorized to submit this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form on behalf of the eligible schools, libraries, or consortia of those entities represented on this Form, and I certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, as follows:

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- C. The discount amounts listed in Column (14) of this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form are for eligible services approved by the fund administrator pursuant to a Funding Commitment Decision Letter.
- D. I recognize that I may be audited pursuant to this application and will retain for at least five years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification), after the last day of service delivered in this funding year any and all records that I rely upon to fill in this form.
- E. I certify that, in addition to the foregoing, this Billed Entity Applicant is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

15. Signature of authorized person



16. Date

07/22/2015

17. Printed name of authorized person

Rich Calhoun

18. Title or position of authorized person

Business Administrator

19. Telephone number of authorized person

201-974-200

20. Address of authorized person

20 Centre Ave.
Secaucus, NJ 07094

BILLED ENTITY APPLICANT Reimbursement Form

Billed Entity Name Secaucus School District

Billed Entity Number 122772

Contact Name Peter Visco

Applicant Form Identifier TT(14-15)

Block 4: Service Provider Acknowledgment

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am authorized to submit this Service Provider Acknowledgment for this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, and acknowledge to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, as follows:

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- B. The service provider must remit payment of the approved discount amount to the Billed Entity Applicant prior to tendering or making use of the payment issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company to the service provider of the approved discounts for the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form.
- C. I certify that, in addition to the foregoing, this Service Provider is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

21. Signature of authorized person (fax, copy or original signature)

Daniel Velez

22. Date

08/05/2015

23. Printed name of authorized person

Daniel Velez

24. Title or position of authorized person

Finance

25. Telephone number of authorized person

973-718-2434

26. Address of authorized person

16 South Jefferson Road
Whippany NJ, 07981

27. Applicant Remittance Information

Name Rich Calhoun

Title Business Administrator

Street Address 20 Centre Ave. Secaucus, NJ 07094

Exhibit B



Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

Response - Secaucus_Inv 2229799

2 messages

Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

Tue, Aug 25, 2015 at 10:02 AM

To: "Brown, Melissa" <Melissa.BROWN@sl.universalservice.org>

Melissa,

Attached is my response to your request for Invoice # 2229799. You will find the following documentation attached:

- bill detail
- worksheet
- worksheet certification

Please let me know if you need anything else to process this invoice

Thanks

Pete
E-Rate

3 attachments**Secaucus_Inv 2229799_WC.pdf**
123K**Secaucus_Inv 2229799_billdetail.pdf**
3493K**Secaucus_Inv 2229799_worksheet.xlsx**
84K

Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

Tue, Jan 5, 2016 at 11:50 AM

To: Carline.Antoine@sl.universalservice.org

Carline,

Please see the response below from August 2015. All of the bills and worksheet is included in this response.


Please change the Invoice number to match your new invoice number.


Thanks

Pete
E-Rate Representative
[Quoted text hidden]

3 attachments

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Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools and Libraries Division



Form 472 (BEAR) Notification Letter

September 30, 2015

Daniel Velez
TouchTone Communications Inc.
16 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Re: Invoice Number - as assigned by USAC: 2229799
Service Provider Identification Number: 143027542
Reimbursement Form Number: TT(14-15)
Billed Entity Number: 122772

John LaForgia
SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 1168
Little Falls, NJ 07424

Preferred Mode of Contact: E-mail at john@erateconsulting.us
Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment: \$20508.00

This letter is your notification that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has processed an FCC Form 472, "Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR)" Form from the above named applicant listing you as the service provider. USAC has committed to reimburse the discounted portion of the cost of eligible services provided to eligible entities pursuant to one or more FCC Forms 471, "Description of Services Ordered and Certification Form".

In certain instances, a line may not have been paid. Review the BEAR Letter Applicant Reimbursement Report (Report) following this letter for the reason(s) this may have occurred. For more information about lines that have not been paid, see the explanation of Invoice Error Codes in Step 9 on our website. Work with the applicant (your customer) to correct any errors. Once corrected, your customer may submit a new BEAR to request reimbursement for any unpaid lines.

We recommend using the BEAR Online tool from the Apply Online area or Required Forms section of our website for additional submissions. If a new BEAR cannot be submitted before the invoice deadline passes, you or your customer may submit a request for a deadline extension. (See "Invoice Deadlines and Extension Requests" posted in the SLD section of our website for more information.)

Pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 03-101, released April 29, 2003), you must remit the amount shown as "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment" above to your customer no later than 20 days after receipt of payment of the approved discounts from USAC. You also agreed not to tender or make use of the payment of the approved discounts issued by USAC to you prior to remitting the discount to your customer (See BEAR Form, Block 4, Service Provider Acknowledgment).

The USAC check should be mailed to the service provider named above within 20 days of the date of this letter.

The maximum remaining amount available for each Funding Request Number (FRN) listed on the Report will be the original commitment less the amount approved herein for reimbursement and less any earlier disbursements to your customer.

PLEASE NOTE: The type of invoice form (BEAR or SPI) for the funding year is established by the receipt and approval of the first invoice submitted for the FRN for the funding year. For example, if we successfully process a BEAR for an FRN, we will not approve a SPI for that same FRN at a later time.

Please see the Guide to Letter Reports posted on our website for an explanation of the items listed in the attached Report.

COMPLETE PROGRAM INFORMATION is posted on our website. You may also contact our Client Service Bureau using the "Submit a Question" link on our website, toll-free by fax at 1-888-276-8736 or toll-free by phone at 1-888-203-8100.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

CC: SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEAR NOTIFICATION LETTER APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 961276
Funding Request Number: 2625781
Funding Year 2014: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015
Contract Number: NA
Funding Commitment Decision: \$21000.00
Reimbursement Amount for this FRN: \$20508.00



Exhibit C



John LaForgia <john@erateconsulting.com>

Your BEAR Payment Has Been Canceled

2 messages

USAC Schools and Libraries <e-rate@lists.universalservice.org>
To: john@erateconsulting.us

Wed, Nov 25, 2015 at 3:58 PM

Initiate the re-invoicing process by submitting a Good Samaritan Request.
View this message as a web page - Apply Online - Contact Us



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Your BEAR Payment Has Been Canceled

Dear John LaForgia,

Your authorized support, totaling the amount of **\$20,508.00**, cannot be paid due to an issue with your service provider **TouchTone Communications Inc.**, SPIN# **143027542**. USAC has made multiple attempts to contact this service provider, but was unable to resolve the issue. Therefore, USAC is canceling the payment to you.

What do you need to do?

In order to receive your authorized support, you must initiate the re-invoicing process by contacting USAC and submitting a [Good Samaritan Request](#). You can either call the Client Service Bureau (CSB) at (888) 203-8100 to learn more about the Good Samaritan process, or you can learn about it on the [Good Samaritan](#) page of our website. Please note that standard requirements for this process will not be necessary. However, you must request Good Samaritan consideration for a specific FCC Form 471/FRN and we will contact you if any additional information is needed.

Be sure to contact the Schools and Libraries Program immediately. You have 120 days from the date of this email (**March 24, 2016**) to request this option. If you have any questions, please contact us at (888) 203-8100.

Please note: If you do choose to call CSB, please provide this information about your canceled BEAR payment:

Your Invoice Number	Funding Request Number (FRN)
TT(14-15)	2625781

Sincerely,

USAC Schools and Libraries Program

This message is intended for john@erateconsulting.us, listed on an FY2014 FCC Form 471.
Please do not reply to this email directly. If you need assistance, please [contact us](#).

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USAC | 2000 L Street NW | Suite 200 | Washington, DC 20036

John LaForgia <john@erateconsulting.com>
To: Vincent La Forgia <vince@erateconsulting.com>

Wed, Nov 25, 2015 at 4:19 PM

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Secaucus School District

2. Billed Entity Number

122772

3. Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)

143027542

4. Contact Name

Peter Visco

5. Contact Telephone Number

973-338-1672

6. Total Reimbursement Amount (total from Block 2, Column 14) \$20,508.00

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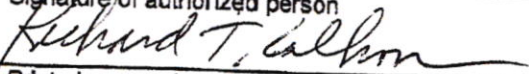
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Rich Calhoun

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973-718-2434

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16 South Jefferson Road
Whippany NJ, 07981

27. Applicant Remittance Information

Name Rich Calhoun

Title Business Administrator

Street Address 20 Centre Ave. Secaucus, NJ 07094

Exhibit E



Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

E-Rate Invoice TT(14-15), Our Invoice 2311652

4 messages

Tue, Jan 5, 2016 at 11:48 AM

Antoine, Carline <Carline.Antoine@sl.universalservice.org>
 To: "peter@erateconsulting.com" <peter@erateconsulting.com>
 Cc: "Peter.Visco@1-973-338-1673" <IMCEAFAX-Peter+2EVisco+401-973-338-1673@solixinc.com>

Peter Visco

SLD Invoice No	SP_App Invoice No	Line ID	Customer Billed Date	471	FRN	SPIN	Service Provider Name	Applicant Name	BEN	Undiscounted Amt	Discounted Amt
2311652	TT(14-15)	7746898	01-Jul-14	961276	2625781	143027542	TouchTone Communications Inc.	SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT	122772	41016	20508

I am reviewing your request for reimbursement of the aforementioned Invoice.

Please send:

- I. The worksheet you used to summarize the bill(s) (by month/ account number, as applicable). [A sample suggested worksheet is attached.]

It must clearly indicate:

- i. Total current charge per bill,
- ii. Itemized identification and removal of all ineligible products and services,
- iii. Calculation of the Undiscounted/Requested amounts requested.

- II. If the invoice is for deposits or up-front charges for services, please include a copy of the full contract that supports those charges.

*If the request for reimbursement for each FRN per Invoice is comprised of **20 bills or less** (sub-bills and sub accounts may contribute to this figure):*

Please ALSO send me a copy of the detailed bill(s) you received from the service provider for the products/services requested on this invoice. Please ensure that the provided page(s)

- I. Substantiates and clearly correlates the worksheet AND
- II. Indicates the following:
 - i. Bill Date
 - ii. Service Provider Name
 - iii. Bill-To Entity (Name & Address)
 - iv. Current Charges
 - v. Period of Service
 - vi. Description of Products / Services Delivered

Upon receipt of the documents by the SLD, you MAY be required to provide additional details of the bill(s) to verify the worksheet.

*If the request for reimbursement for each FRN per Invoice is comprised of **more than 20 bills** (sub-bills and sub accounts may contribute to this figure):*

- I. Please submit ONLY the worksheet mentioned above and
- II. The completed worksheet certification form (attached) to certify the accuracy of the worksheet.
- III. Upon receipt of the worksheet by the SLD, you will be required to provide either all the bills or a sampling of bills (selected by SLD) to verify the worksheet.

Please provide this information to me as soon as possible within the next 7 calendar days (by **End of Day** Tuesday, 1/12/16). Failure to do so may

result in a reduction or rejection of the invoice, without further request. In this event, please ensure you have all necessary documents collected before resubmitting your request. If you have any questions, please contact me within this 7 day period.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service Program.

Carline Antoine
Associate Manager, Invoicing Auditor
30 Lanidex Plaza West | Parsippany, NJ 07054
T: 973-581-5030 | F: 973-599-6539
carline.antoine@sl.universalservice.org

ATTACHMENTS

2 attachments

 **SAMPLE worksheet.xlsx**
15K

 **Template - Worksheet Certification 3-27-13.dot**
28K

Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>
To: "Antoine, Carline" <Carline.Antoine@sl.universalservice.org>

Wed, Jan 20, 2016 at 8:54 AM

Carline,

Can you please give me a status update on this invoice for the Secaucus School District?

Thanks

Pete
E-Rate

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Antoine, Carline <Carline.Antoine@sl.universalservice.org>
To: Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

Fri, Jan 29, 2016 at 11:41 AM

4/13/2016

Hi Pete,

All necessary documents were received and your application is being processed. For inquiries regarding the status, please call 888-203-8100.

Thank you,

Carline

From: Peter Visco [mailto:peter@erateconsulting.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 8:55 AM
To: Antoine, Carline
Subject: Re: E-Rate Invoice TT(14-15), Our Invoice 2311652

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Wed, Apr 6, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>
To: Vince LaForgia <vince@erateconsulting.com>

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Exhibit F



Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

Response - Secaucus_Inv 2229799

Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

Tue, Jan 5, 2016 at 11:50 AM

To: Carline.Antoine@sl.universalservice.org

Carline,

Please see the response below from August 2015. All of the bills and worksheet is included in this response.

Please change the Invoice number to match your new invoice number.

Thanks

Pete
E-Rate Representative

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**Secaucus_Inv 2229799_worksheet.xlsx**

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Exhibit G



Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

E-Rate Invoice TT(14-15), Our Invoice 2311652

4 messages

Antoine, Carline <Carline.Antoine@sl.universalservice.org>

To: "peter@erateconsulting.com" <peter@erateconsulting.com>

Cc: "Peter Visco@1-973-338-1673" <IMCEAFAX-Peter+2EVisco+401-973-338-1673@solixinc.com>

Tue, Jan 5, 2016 at 11:48 AM

Peter Visco

SLD Invoice No	SP_App Invoice No	Line ID	Customer Billed Date	471	FRN	SPIN	Service Provider Name	Applicant Name	BEN	Undiscounted Amt	Discounted Amt
2311652	TT(14-15)	7746898	01-Jul-14	961276	2625781	143027542	TouchTone Communications Inc.	SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT	122772	41016	20508

I am reviewing your request for reimbursement of the aforementioned Invoice.

Please send:

- I. The worksheet you used to summarize the bill(s) (by month/ account number, as applicable). [A sample suggested worksheet is attached.]

It must clearly indicate:

- i. Total current charge per bill,
- ii. Itemized identification and removal of all ineligible products and services,
- iii. Calculation of the Undiscounted/Requested amounts requested.

- II. If the invoice is for deposits or up-front charges for services, please include a copy of the full contract that supports those charges.

*If the request for reimbursement for each FRN per Invoice is comprised of **20 bills or less** (sub-bills and sub accounts may contribute to this figure):*

Please ALSO send me a copy of the detailed bill(s) you received from the service provider for the products/services requested on this invoice. Please ensure that the provided page(s)

- I. Substantiates and clearly correlates the worksheet AND
- II. Indicates the following:
 - i. Bill Date
 - ii. Service Provider Name
 - iii. Bill-To Entity (Name & Address)
 - iv. Current Charges
 - v. Period of Service
 - vi. Description of Products / Services Delivered

Upon receipt of the documents by the SLD, you MAY be required to provide additional details of the bill(s) to verify the worksheet.

*If the request for reimbursement for each FRN per Invoice is comprised of **more than 20 bills** (sub-bills and sub accounts may contribute to this figure):*

- I. Please submit ONLY the worksheet mentioned above and
- II. The completed worksheet certification form (attached) to certify the accuracy of the worksheet.
- III. Upon receipt of the worksheet by the SLD, you will be required to provide either all the bills or a sampling of bills (selected by SLD) to verify the worksheet.

Please provide this information to me as soon as possible within the next 7 calendar days (by **End of Day Tuesday, 1/12/16**). Failure to do so may

result in a reduction or rejection of the invoice, without further request. In this event, please ensure you have all necessary documents collected before resubmitting your request. If you have any questions, please contact me within this 7 day period.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service Program.

Carline Antoinne
Associate Manager, Invoicing Auditor
30 Lanidex Plaza West | Parsippany, NJ 07054
T: 973-581-5030 | F: 973-599-6539
carline.antoine@sl.universalservice.org

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Exhibit G

Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>
To: "Antoine, Carline" <Carline.Antoine@sl.universalservice.org>

Wed, Jan 20, 2016 at 8:54 AM

Carline,

Can you please give me a status update on this invoice for the Secaucus School District?

Thanks

Pete
E-Rate

[Quoted text hidden]

Antoine, Carline <Carline.Antoine@sl.universalservice.org>
To: Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>

Fri, Jan 29, 2016 at 11:41 AM

Hi Pete,

All necessary documents were received and your application is being processed. For inquiries regarding the status, please call 888-203-8100.

Thank you,

Carline

From: Peter Visco [mailto:peter@erateconsulting.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2016 8:55 AM
To: Antoine, Carline
Subject: Re: E-Rate Invoice TT(14-15), Our Invoice 2311652

[Quoted text hidden]

Peter Visco <peter@erateconsulting.com>
To: Vince LaForgia <vince@erateconsulting.com>

Wed, Apr 6, 2016 at 5:00 PM

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Exhibit I



Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools and Libraries Division

Form 472 (BEAR) Notification Letter

March 23, 2016

Daniel Velez
TouchTone Communications Inc.
16 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Re: Invoice Number - as assigned by USAC: 2311652
Service Provider Identification Number: 143027542
Reimbursement Form Number: TT(14-15)
Billed Entity Number: 122772

John LaForgia
SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 1168
Little Falls, NJ 07424

Preferred Mode of Contact: E-mail at john@erateconsulting.us
Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment: \$0.00

This letter is your notification that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has processed an FCC Form 472, "Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR)" Form from the above named applicant listing you as the service provider. USAC has committed to reimburse the discounted portion of the cost of eligible services provided to eligible entities pursuant to one or more FCC Forms 471, "Description of Services Ordered and Certification Form".

In certain instances, a line may not have been paid. Review the BEAR Letter Applicant Reimbursement Report (Report) following this letter for the reason(s) this may have occurred. For more information about lines that have not been paid, see the explanation of Invoice Error Codes in Step 9 on our website. Work with the applicant (your customer) to correct any errors. Once corrected, your customer may submit a new BEAR to request reimbursement for any unpaid lines.

We recommend using the BEAR Online tool from the Apply Online area or Required Forms section of our website for additional submissions. If a new BEAR cannot be submitted before the invoice deadline passes, you or your customer may submit a request for a deadline extension. (See "Invoice Deadlines and Extension Requests" posted in the SLD section of our website for more information.)

Pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 03-101, released April 29, 2003), you must remit the amount shown as "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment" above to your customer no later than 20 days after receipt of payment of the approved discounts from USAC. You also agreed not to tender or make use of the payment of the approved discounts issued by USAC to you prior to remitting the discount to your customer (See BEAR Form, Block 4, Service Provider Acknowledgment).

The USAC check should be mailed to the service provider named above within 20 days of the date of this letter.

Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit
30 Lanidex Plaza West, PO Box 685, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685
Visit us online at: www.usac.org/sl

The maximum remaining amount available for each Funding Request Number (FRN) listed on the Report will be the original commitment less the amount approved herein for reimbursement and less any earlier disbursements to your customer.

PLEASE NOTE: The type of invoice form (BEAR or SPI) for the funding year is established by the receipt and approval of the first invoice submitted for the FRN for the funding year. For example, if we successfully process a BEAR for an FRN, we will not approve a SPI for that same FRN at a later time.

Please see the Guide to Letter Reports posted on our website for an explanation of the items listed in the attached Report.

COMPLETE PROGRAM INFORMATION is posted on our website. You may also contact our Client Service Bureau using the "Submit a Question" link on our website, toll-free by fax at 1-888-276-8736 or toll-free by phone at 1-888-203-8100.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

CC: SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

BEAR NOTIFICATION LETTER APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 961276
Funding Request Number: 2625781
Funding Year 2014: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015
Contract Number: NA
Funding Commitment Decision: \$21000.00
Reimbursement Amount for this FRN: \$0.00
Reimbursement Request Decision Explanation:
Incomplete documents provided for review;

Exhibit J



May 18, 2016

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division – Correspondence Unit
30 Lanidex Plaza West
PO Box 685
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

Re: Secaucus Public Schools – BEN 122772
Denial of Funding for FRN# 2625781

To Whom it May Concern:

Kindly accept this letter submitted by the Appellant, Secaucus Public Schools ("Secaucus"), as an Appeal of the Universal Service Administrative Company's determination to deny funding for FRN# 2625781 in connection with Invoice number 2311652. More specifically, this Appeal relates to the following:

Appellant Name: Secaucus Public Schools
Billed Entity Number: 122772
Invoice Number: 2311652
Service Provider Name: TouchTone Communications, Inc. ("TouchTone")
SPIN: 143027542
Discount Amount: \$20,508.00

Barneget hereby submits this Appeal in connection with USAC funding denial dated March 23, 2016, which asserts the agency was provided "incomplete documents for review." Secaucus disputes this rationale as patently incorrect for the following reasons:

Secaucus filed its original Form 472 referencing FRN# 2625781 in August 2015 (attached hereto as Appendix A). On August 25, 2015, Secaucus responded to an initial request for information and provided requested back-up materials. USAC approved that Form 472 on or about August 30, 2015 and provided the invoice number 2229799. (attached hereto as Appendix B)

Secaucus subsequently received a notice of cancellation dated November 25, 2015 indicating the Form 472 and associated invoices had been cancelled due to issues contacting TouchTone (attached hereto as Appendix C). Secaucus subsequently contacted the Help Desk, who instructed the District to re-file a Form 472 to request the same discount previously approved in August 2015. Secaucus did so in December 2015.

On January 5, 2016, the District's E-Rate consultant, CRN #16043594, received an e-mail correspondence from Carline Antione, Associate Manager/Invoicing Auditor in which she identified herself as the person reviewing the new Form 472 and requested additional back-up information (attached hereto as Appendix D).

Secaucus sent a response to Ms. Antione on January 5, 2016 and provided her with all of the backup information requested (attached hereto as Appendix E). After receiving no response for approximately two weeks, Secaucus' consultant sent an email to Ms. Antione dated January 20, 2016 asking for an update (attached hereto as Appendix F).

On January 29, 2016, Ms. Antione responded by e-mail and stated, "All necessary documents were received and your application is being processed." (Attached hereto as Appendix G).

On March 23, 2016, Secaucus received a correspondence from USAC denying invoice number 2311652 for "incomplete documents for review." (Attached hereto as Appendix H).

Secaucus hereby submits that it responded timely to all information requests and provided all of the requested material. Ms. Antione unambiguously indicated as much in her correspondence dated January 29, 2016. As such, Secaucus' request was erroneously denied and hereby reiterates its request for the discount from Touchtone in the amount \$20,508.

Please direct all inquiries concerning this Appeal and related correspondence to the following individual:

Vincent LaForgia
E-Rate Consulting, Inc.
130 Valley Road, Suite B
Montclair, NJ 07042
973.200.4815. x101
vince@erateconsulting.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent LaForgia

E-Rate Representative

Exhibit K

Do not write in this space.

Approved by OMB
OMB Control No. 3060 - 0856
Estimated time per Response: 1.0 hour

Universal Service for Schools and Libraries

Please read instructions before completing.

(To be completed by schools, libraries, or consortia.)

BILLED ENTITY APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT FORM

For reimbursement of discounts on approved services already paid for by the Billed Entity Applicant.

Only one Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) per form.

Must be completed and signed by the Billed Entity Applicant.

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

FCC NOTICE FOR INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Part 54 of the Commission's Rules authorizes the FCC to collect the information on this form. Failure to provide all requested information will delay the processing of the application or result in the application being returned without action. Information requested by this form will be available for public inspection. Your response is required to obtain the requested authorization.

The public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to range from 1 to 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the required data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any comments on this burden estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write to the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Paperwork Reduction Act Project (3060-0856), Washington, DC 20554. We will also accept your comments regarding the Paperwork Reduction Act aspects of this collection via the Internet if you send them to PRA@fcc.gov. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS FORM TO THIS ADDRESS.

Remember - You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number or if we fail to provide you with this notice. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0856.

THE FOREGOING NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974, PUBLIC LAW 93-579, DECEMBER 31, 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) AND THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995, PUBLIC LAW 104-13, OCTOBER 1, 1995, 44 U.S.C. SECTION 3507.

Applicant Form Identifier (Create an identifier for your own reference)

FCC Form 472 Invoice #

(To be inserted by administrator) 2470519

BLOCK 1: HEADER INFORMATION

1. Billed Entity Name	Secaucus School District
2. Billed Entity Number	122772
3. Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)	143027542
Applicant FCC Form 498 ID	443008521
4. Contact Name	Vince LaForgia
5. Contact Telephone Number	973- 2004815 ext
6. Total Reimbursement Amount (total from Block 2, Column 14)	\$20,508.00

Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form
For reimbursement of discounts on approved services already paid for by the Billed Entity Applicant.

Billed Entity Name Secaucus School District Billed Entity Number 122772
Contact Name Vince LaForgia Contact Telephone Number 973-2004815
Applicant Form Identifier

BLOCK 2: LINE ITEM INFORMATION PER FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER

	(7) FCC Form 471 Application Number (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	(8) Funding Request Number (FRN) (from Funding Commitment Decision Letter)	(9) Bill Frequency	(10) Customer Billed Date (mm/yyyy)	(11) Shipping Date to Customer or Last Day of Work Performed (mm/dd/yyyy)	(12) Total (Undiscounted) Amount for Service	(13) Discount Rate	(14) Amount Billed to USAC (Column 12 multiplied by Column 13)
			DO NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN.	For each FRN, complete either Column (10) or Column (11), but not both Columns				
1	961276	2625781	MONTHLY		6/30/2015	\$41,016.00	50.00	\$20,508.00
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TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT TO BE ENTERED INTO ITEM (6)								\$20,508.00

BILLED ENTITY APPLICANT Reimbursement Form

Billed Entity Name Secaucus School District

Billed Entity Number 122772

Contact Name Vince LaForgia

Applicant Form Identifier _____

Block 3: Billed Entity Certification

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am authorized to submit this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form on behalf of the eligible schools, libraries, or consortia of those entities represented on this Form, and I certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, as follows:

- A. The discount amounts listed in this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form represent charges for eligible services and/or equipment delivered to and used by eligible schools, libraries, or consortia of those entities for educational purposes, on or after the service start date reported on the associated FCC Form 486.
- B. The discount amounts listed in this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form were already billed by the Service Provider and paid for by the Billed Entity Applicant on behalf of eligible schools, libraries, and consortia of those entities.
- C. The discount amounts listed in this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form are for eligible services and/or equipment approved by the Fund Administrator pursuant to a Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL).
- D. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to this application and will retain for at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification), after the latter of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the funding request any and all records that I rely upon to complete this form.
- E. I certify that, in addition to the foregoing, this Billed Entity Applicant is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

15. Signature of authorized person Signed electronically by Vincent LaForgia	16. Date 11/10/2016
17. Printed name of authorized person Vincent LaForgia	
18. Title or position of authorized person Consultant	
19. Telephone number of authorized person 973- 2004815	
20. Address of authorized person 130 Valley Rd, Suite B, Montclair NJ 07042-3202	

Exhibit L



Geoff Sweeney <geoff@erateconsulting.com>

YOUR E-RATE PROGRAM REMITTANCE STATEMENT: 443008521

1 message

CustomerSupport@usac.org <CustomerSupport@usac.org>
To: geoff@erateconsulting.com

Mon, Nov 14, 2016 at 1:08 PM

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES BEAR PROGRAM REMITTANCE STATEMENT
As Of November 14, 2016

Attn: Geoff Sweeney
SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

RE: FCC Form 498 ID 443008521

This notice provides an explanation of your entity's Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) payment for the following invoices.

	Approved
11/14/2016143027542 TouchTone Communications Inc. 2625781 NONE	\$0.00
Applicant Name:SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT;SLD Invoice	
Number:2470519;BEAR Letter Date:11/14/2016;Line Item Detail	
Number:8278171;Amount Requested:20508.00;Invoice Received Date [11/10/2016]	
Later Than FCC Extension Date [07/27/2016];80;	
Total Approved Disbursement	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Actual Disbursement:	<u>\$0.00</u>

If you have any questions, please contact USAC Customer Operations at (888) 641-8722 or CustomerSupport@usac.org. You may also visit us at www.usac.org.

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Exhibit M

From: **SLD Problem Resolution Mailbox** <SLDPR@gdit.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 5:26 PM
Subject: Case #135048 Attn: Mike Hoover
To: "geoff@erateconsulting.com" <geoff@erateconsulting.com>

Hi Geoff,

Attached is the ADL you requested.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Schools and Libraries Helpline at [888-203-8100](tel:888-203-8100).

Thank you,

Mike Hoover
Technical Client Service Bureau
Schools and Libraries Division
Helpline: [888-203-8100](tel:888-203-8100)
Fax: [888-276-8736](tel:888-276-8736)
E-mail: SLDPR@GDIT.com

Attachments area

John LaForgia
E-Rate Consulting, Inc.
130 Valley Road, Suite B
Montclair, NJ 07042

Billed Entity Number: 122772
Form 471 Application Number: 961276
Form 486 Application Number:



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2014-2015

June 27, 2016

John LaForgia
E-Rate Consulting, Inc.
130 Valley Road, Suite B
Montclair, NJ 07042

Re: Applicant Name: SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Billed Entity Number: 122772
Form 471 Application Number: 961276
Funding Request Number(s): 2625781
Your Correspondence Dated: May 18, 2016

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 2014 FCC Form 472 (BEAR) Notification 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): 2625781
Decision on Appeal: **Approved**
Explanation:

- Based on your appeal letter and the relevant documentation, your appeal has been granted. You have 30 days from the date of this letter to submit an invoice.

Since your appeal is approved, you may continue to invoice USAC for a portion of the commitment that is still available, if any.

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

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Exhibit N



December 1, 2016

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division – Correspondence Unit
30 Lanidex Plaza West
PO Box 685
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

Re: Secaucus Public Schools – BEN 122772
Denial of Reimbursement for FRN 2625781

To Whom it May Concern:

Kindly accept this letter submitted by the Appellant, Secaucus Public Schools ("Secaucus"), as an Appeal of the Universal Service Administrative Company's determination to deny reimbursement for FRN 2625781 in connection with Invoice number 2470519. More specifically, this Appeal relates to the following:

Appellant Name: Secaucus Public Schools
Billed Entity Number: 122772
Invoice Number: 2470519
Service Provider Name: TouchTone Communications, Inc. ("TouchTone")
Discount Amount: \$20,508.00

Secaucus hereby submits this Appeal in connection with USAC funding denial dated November 14, 2016, which asserts the "Invoice Received Date [11/10/2016] Later Than FCC Extension Date [07/27/2016]." For the following reasons, Secaucus disputes this decision.

Initial Appeal

Secaucus filed its original Form 472 referencing FRN 2625781 in August 2015. On August 25, 2015, Secaucus responded to an initial request for information and provided requested back-up materials. USAC approved that Form 472 on or about August 30, 2015 and provided the invoice number 2229799.

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On January 29, 2016, Ms. Antione responded by e-mail and stated, "All necessary documents were received and your application is being processed."

On March 23, 2016, Secaucus received correspondence from USAC denying invoice number 2311652 for "incomplete documents for review."

On or about May 18, 2016, Secaucus appealed the denial. For one reason or another, it did not receive USAC's written decision on the appeal until after calling the Help Desk on November 16, 2016, and only after the District attempted, once again, to submit a BEAR Form to obtain the wrongfully withheld discount on FRN 2625781.

This Appeal

After months of waiting on a disposition, Secaucus submitted a new BEAR Form on or about November, 10, 2016 in connection with FRN 2625781. (Annexed hereto as Exhibit A). On November 14, 2016, USAC denied the District's invoice, citing the "Invoice Received Date [11/10/2016] Later Than FCC Extension Date [07/27/2016]." (Annexed hereto as Exhibit B). Notably, Secaucus did not receive written notification from USAC as to that new submission deadline. After calling the Help Desk to inquire on November 16, 2016, USAC sent an electronic copy of the appeal disposition to the undersigned. (Email and attachment annexed hereto as Exhibit C). The disposition correspondence is dated June 27, 2016. It further advises of a 30-day deadline to submit the invoice at issue.

Secaucus hereby submits that numerous factors impeded its timely submission. First, as mentioned previously, neither Secaucus nor its E-Rate consultant received USAC's disposition letter. The initial appeal instructs USAC to address any and all related correspondence to E-Rate Consulting, Inc. at its office address. Unfortunately, the undersigned has experienced significant issues with its mail carrier since relocating to new office space in the late summer of 2015. Despite repeated complaints, the USPS has done next to nothing to remedy the situation and mail delivery issues continue to persist. Mail addressed to the undersigned is routinely lost or returned to sender with no explanation given.

That notwithstanding, even if Secaucus had received the disposition letter, it could not have filed a timely submission because of the new disbursement process implemented by USAC during the summer of 2016.

The disposition letter, viewed for the first time on November 16, 2016, is dated June 27, 2016. The letter states that the District's appeal had been approved and advises of a 30-day deadline to submit a new invoice. The new invoice deadline, therefore, was set as July 27, 2016.

However, as you know, USAC instituted a new funding disbursement process effective July 1, 2016. As a predicate to filing BEAR forms, applicants were required to file a Form 498 containing bank account details and other information. Secaucus certified its Form 498 on July 20, 2016. It did not receive a request for bank account verification documentation until August 29, 2016. (Annexed hereto as Exhibit D). On August 31, 2016, Secaucus received notice that USAC had approved its Form 498. (Annexed hereto as Exhibit E). Thus, it was not until that date, at the absolute earliest, that Secaucus could have filed a BEAR Form for FRN 2625781. Moreover, having not received notice of the appeal disposition, it could not reasonably have known of the need to request a further invoice deadline extension for FRN 2625781.

Finally, on November 10, 2016, Secaucus determined to submit a BEAR Form as a means to verify the status of its initial appeal. Upon receiving the aforementioned denial by email on November 14, 2016, the District's E-Rate consultant contacted the Help Desk to inquire. It thereafter received an electronic copy of the initial appeal disposition letter from Mike Hoover of the SLD Technical Client Service Bureau.

Respondent hereby submits that it could not reasonably have met the July 27, 2016 submission deadline. Due to ongoing mail carrier issues, its consultant did not receive notice of the disposition. Thus, the District could not reasonably have known of the inevitable need to request a further invoice deadline extension. Moreover, the delays attendant to the Form 498 review process rendered the July 27 submission deadline impracticable. As such, the circumstances indicate that Secaucus' request was erroneously denied, and the District respectfully reiterates its request for the discount in the amount \$20,508 in connection with FRN 2625781.

Please direct all inquiries concerning this Appeal and related correspondence to the following individual:

Vincent LaForgia
E-Rate Consulting, Inc.
130 Valley Road, Suite B
Montclair, NJ 07042
973.200.4815. x101
vince@erateconsulting.com

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. LaForgia', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Vincent LaForgia

Enclosures

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
Requests for Waiver and Review)	
of Decision of the Universal Service)	
Administrator by)	
)	
Secaucus Public Schools)	File No. SLD-
)	
Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	CC Docket No. 02-6

AFFIDAVIT OF VINCENT LaFORGIA

State of New Jersey

County of Essex

PERSONALLY came before me, the undersigned notary, the within named VINCENT LaFORGIA, who is a resident of Essex County, State of New Jersey, and makes this his statement and General Affidavit upon oath and affirmation of belief and personal knowledge that the following matters and facts set forth are true and correct to the best of his knowledge:

1. I, Vincent LaForgia, who resides at 180 Hollywood Avenue, Fairfield, NJ 07004, being Forty (40) years of age, am the President of E-Rate Consulting, Inc., the organization which represents the Secaucus Public Schools in the above captioned matter.

2. I do hereby swear, under Oath, that the following facts and matters are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and do hereby affirm that the following statements are accurate.

3. My company, E-Rate Consulting, relocated its office space to 130 Valley Road, Suite B, in Montclair, NJ, 07042, in early 2015.

4. Since the outset, my company has experienced significant issues with mail delivery; specifically, mail addressed to my company is routinely delivered to the wrong address, returned to sender, or simply not delivered at all.

5. Despite repeated and numerous complaints to the local distribution center of the United States Postal Service, we continue to experience mail delivery issues to this day.

6. In connection with the Secaucus Public Schools appeal dated May 18, 2016, neither my office nor the applicant timely received a copy of USAC's appeal disposition letter dated June 27, 2016.

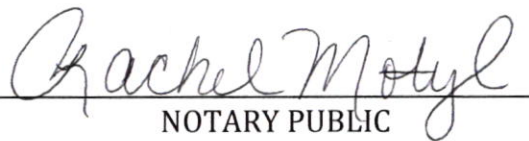
7. My office did not see a copy of the appeal disposition letter at issue until it was provided by USAC in response to a request by my office on November 16, 2016.

DATED this the 5th day of May, 2017



Signature of Affiant

SWORN to subscribed before me, this the 5th day of May, 2017


NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

Sept. 9, 2021

RACHEL MOTYL
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ID # 50045547
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPT. 9, 2021



Exhibit O



Geoff Sweeney <geoff@erateconsulting.com>

Banking Information Required for 498 ID (SPIN)

1 message

USAC Customer Support <customersupport@usac.org>
To: geoff@erateconsulting.com

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 3:59 PM

Send USAC a clear image of a voided check or a statement from your financial institution.

[View this message as a web page](#)Helping Keep Americans Connected | www.usac.org**Banking Information Required for 498 ID**

Geoff,

We have begun reviewing your FCC Form 498 applications, and need additional information in order to issue your **498 IDs** to be used on your BEAR* invoices. Please provide:

1. A clear image of a voided check, or
2. A statement from your financial institution that includes the bank name and your account number

using the [banking validation document upload](#) site for the organizations listed below.

If you need further assistance, please call us, Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm ET, at (888) 641-8722 and select option 5, then Option 2, or [email us](#) any time.

Thank you,

USAC Customer Support
(888) 637-6226; finopsprocessing@usac.org
usac.org/sl

Verify Banking Information for These Organizations

Please [submit the documentation](#) online for these organizations. In the form, provide the organization's name and confirmation number:

Confirmation No./ Filer ID/ Form 498 ID	Company Name

12/1/2016

E-Rate Consulting Inc. Mail - Banking Information Required for 498 ID (SPIN)

443009291	BELLEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
443008688	GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
443009879	LONG BEACH ISLAND SCHOOL DIST
443008521	SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) for the Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program

This email is intended for geoff@erateconsulting.com, the contact listed on FCC Form 498.

Please do not respond to this email directly.

For assistance, call (888) 637-6226 or email finopsprocessing@usac.org.

Universal Service Administrative Company | 700 12th Street NW | Suite 900 | Washington, DC 20005

Exhibit P



Geoff Sweeney <geoff@erateconsulting.com>

Your 498 IDs (SPINs) are Approved!

1 message

USAC Customer Support <customersupport@usac.org>
To: geoff@erateconsulting.com

Wed, Aug 31, 2016 at 2:50 PM

Now you can receive payments from the E-rate Program.

[View this message as a web page](#)Helping Keep Americans Connected | www.usac.org**Your 498 ID (SPIN) is Approved!**

Geoff,

We finished verifying the banking information for your FCC Form 498 applications for the organizations listed below, and their **498 IDs** (SPINs) are now approved and ready to use on your BEAR* invoice!

Log into the [legacy Apply Online](#) system to start the **BEAR** invoicing process.

If you need further assistance with your Form 498 ID, please call us, Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM ET, at (888) 641-8722 and select option 5, then Option 2, or [email us](#) any time. For assistance with invoicing, call (888) 203-8100 or [Submit a Question](#) online.

Thank you,

USAC Customer Support

Form 498 ID help: (888) 637-6226; finopsprocessing@usac.orgInvoicing help: (888) 203-8100; [Submit a Question](#)
usac.org/sl**Your Approved 498 IDs**

Your 498 ID (SPIN) is now approved for these organizations:

Confirmation No./ Filer ID/ Form 498 ID	Company Name
443009879	LONG BEACH ISLAND SCHOOL DIST
443003249	RANDOLPH TWP SCHOOL DISTRICT

12/1/2016

E-Rate Consulting Inc. Mail - Your 498 IDs (SPINs) are Approved!

443008521	SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT
443010331	WOODBIDGE TWP SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) for the Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program

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Exhibit Q



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2014-2015

March 06, 2017

Vincent Laforgia
Secaucus School District
E-Rate Consulting, Inc.
130 Valley Road, Suite B
Montclair, NJ 07042

Re: Applicant Name: SECAUCUS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Billed Entity Number: 122772
Form 471 Application Number: 961276
Funding Request Number(s): 2625781
Your Correspondence Dated: December 05, 2016

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 2014 FCC Form 472 (BEAR) Notification 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): 2625781
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service, or 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. You did not demonstrate otherwise in your appeal. Therefore, your appeal is denied.

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.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Vincent Laforgia
Secaucus School District
E-Rate Consulting, Inc.
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