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I sent an appeal letter to you on Oct. 3, 2001 and I have not received a response from you on this matter.

I am enclosing the information that I sent you regarding the following:

**Form 471 Application Number: 220422**  
**Billed Entity Number: 136283**  
**Funding Request Number: 507466**  
**CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21**  
**Form 470 Application - 480740000307435**

Thank you for considering my appeal.

Sincerely,



Linda Davidson  
Librarian

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Schools & Libraries Division

10/3/2001  
Appeal  
to FCC

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2001-2002

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October 1, 2001

Linda Davidson  
Georgetown Public Library  
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Re: Billed Entity Number: 136283  
471 Application Number: 220422  
Funding Request Number(s): 507466  
Your Correspondence Dated: July 25, 2001

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 SLD's Year Four Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: 507466

Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**

Explanation:

- You have stated on appeal that when you were preparing to send your Form 471 application to SLD you inadvertently dated the Form 471 with the wrong date. You state that you had filed this Form 471 application online on December 12, 2000 and this date is on the bottom right hand corner of the 471 Certification Page (which you have included with the appeal). You close your appeal by stating that you have also enclosed your receipt of when the Form 471 application was mailed to SLD, which was on December 14, 2000. You state that the funding is needed for your small library.
- After thorough review of the appeal, it was determined from your Form 471 (Block 5, Items 15 and 18) and your additional written support documentation (which was submitted upon request during the appeal review process) that this funding request is for a tariff service being requested in Funding Year Four. You have stated that the

cited Form 470 (480740000307435, which was listed as the establishing form on the Form 471 application) is the correct form for this request. This establishing Form 470 that you have listed on Block 5, Item 12 of the Form 471 for this request has an allowable contract date of December 11, 2000. Your Form 471 application was signed and certified by the authorized person on December 8, 2000.

- Your Form 470 (**Application Number: 480740000307435**) was posted on November 13, 2000. In your Form 470 Receipt Notification Letter, SLD notified you that that the earliest date upon which you could sign and submit your Form 471 was December 11, 2000. You signed the Form 471 on December 8, 2000. You have not claimed that this Form 471 relates to a different Form 470 other than the Form 470 indicated above. Consequently, SLD denies your appeal because your application did not comply with the competitive bidding requirement that your Form 470 be posted on the web site for 28 days prior to your signing and/or submitting your Form 471.
- FCC rules require that except under limited circumstances, all Forms 470 received be posted on the web site for 28 days, and that applicants carefully consider all bids received before selecting a vendor, entering into an agreement or signing a contract, and signing and submitting a Form 471. *See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.504, 54.511(a), (c).* FCC rules further require that the Administrator send the applicant a confirmation when the Form 470 has been posted, and inform the applicant of the date after which the applicant may sign a contract with the vendor it selects. *See 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(b)(4).* These competitive bidding requirements help ensure that applicants receive the lowest pre-discount price from vendors. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC Rcd 10095, 10098 ¶ 9 (1997).*

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted on the website at <[www.universalservice.org](http://www.universalservice.org)>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

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

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company



Oct. 3,2001

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This is an appeal for letter dated October 1,2001 from the SLD  
Funding Year: 4 (07/01/2001-06/30/2002)

Georgetown Public Library  
107 E. West St.

Georgetown, IL 61846-1747

**Form 471 Application Number: 220422**

**Billed Entity Number: 136283**

**Funding Request Number: 507466**

**CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21**

**Form 470 Application 480740000307435**

Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The Form 471 was signed  
and/or submitted prior to the expiration of the 28 day waiting period from  
the posting of Form 470 on the SLD Web Site.

28 Day Waiting Violated.

Allowable Contract Date: 12/11/2001

Please reconsider the funding for the Georgetown Public Library.

When I was preparing Form 471 to send to SLD I inadvertently dated the  
Form 471 with the wrong date.

Please find an enclosed copy of my Form 471 where I had filed online  
12/12/2000.

The date is on the right hand corner of my Certification Sheet.

Also enclosed is my receipt when I mailed my Form 471 to SLD, which was  
on 12/14/2000.

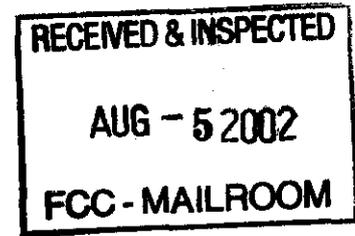
This funding means a lot to our small library.

Thank you,

  
Linda Davidson

July 25, 2001

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This an appeal letter for FCD Letter dated July 23, 2001  
Funding Year: 4 (07/01/2001-06/30/2002)  
Georgetown Public Library  
107 E. West Street  
Georgetown, IL 61846-1747  
Form 471 Application Number: 220422  
Billed Entity Number: 136283

Funding Request Number: 507466  
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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Davidson".

Linda Davidson

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Lawrence KS 66046

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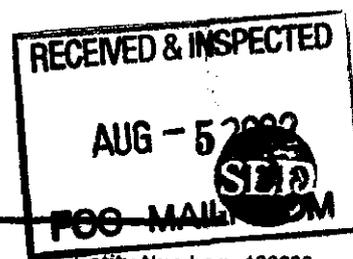
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**FCC Form 471**

Services, Orders and Certifications Form



Applicant's Form Identifier: 032850

Contact Person: Linda Davidson

Entity Number: 136283

Phone Number: (217) 662-2164

**Block 6: Certifications and Signature**

Do not write in this area

471 Application Number: 220422

24. The entities listed in Block 4 of this application are eligible for support because they are: (check one or both)

a.  schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 3801(14) and (25), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or

b.  libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any school (including, but not limited to) elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities

25. The eligible schools and libraries listed in Block 4 of this application have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for eligible services.

26. All of the schools and libraries or library consortia listed in Block 4 of this application are covered by:

a.  an individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application; and/or

b.  higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application; or

c.  no technology plan needed; applying for basic local distance telephone service only.

27. Status of technology plans (if representing multiple entities with mixed technology plan status, check both a and b):

a.  technology plan(s) has/have been approved; and/or

b.  technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body; or

c.  no technology plan needed; applying for basic local and long distance telephone service only.

28. I certify that the entities eligible for support that I am representing have complied with all applicable state and local laws regarding procurements of services for which support is being sought.

29. I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.

30. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments.

31. I understand that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.

32. I recognize that I may be audited pursuant to this application. I will retain for five years any and all worksheets and other records that I rely upon to fill out this application, and, if audited, will make available to the Administrator such records.

33. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named institution, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

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34. Signature of authorized person *Linda Davidson*  
 36. Printed name of authorized person Linda Davidson  
 37. Title or position of authorized person Librarian  
 38. Telephone number of authorized person (217) 662-2164

471 Application Number: 220422  
 GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 107 E WEST,ST  
 GEORGETOWN, IL 61846 -1747

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NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS: Section 54.504 of the Federal Communication Commission's rules requires all schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts to file this Services Ordered and Certification Form (FCC Form 471) with the Universal Service Administrator, 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. All schools and libraries planning to order services eligible for universal service discounts must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

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