

November 27, 2006

The Hon. Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company  
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the Software & Information Industry Association (“SIIA”), I write to recommend Rex Miller, the Chief Financial Officer of Education Networks of America (“ENA”), for the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”).

SIIA is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education, and intellectual property protection to more than 800 leading software and information companies. ENA is a long-time SIIA member, and currently chairs SIIA’s Education Division Board of Directors. SIIA’s Education Division represents SIIA members providing software, digital content, and related technologies and online services to schools and libraries. The customers of many SIIA members, including schools and libraries, count on the Universal Service program to gain access to information and services that would not otherwise be available to them.

As a provider of managed network and technology solutions for school systems, libraries, governments, and small to medium sized businesses, ENA is well qualified to sit on the USAC Board of Directors. Numerous schools and libraries have relied on ENA to provide reliable and cost-effective Internet access. As a result, ENA has significant experience with the Universal Service programs. ENA’s Rex Miller has eight years of experience managing ENA’s involvement with the E-Rate, including working with both schools and libraries as well as with USAC.

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Thank you for considering this SIIA recommendation. Please contact me or Mark Schneiderman, SIIA's Director of Education Policy, at 202-789-4444 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth A. Wasch  
President

cc: Dr. Brian L. Talbott, Chair, USAC Board of Directors  
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