

May 16, 2010

CC Docket No. 02-6
Request for Waiver

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Appellant name: GILA BEND UNIF SCHOOL DIST 24
Applicant Name: GILA BEND UNIF SCHOOL DIST 24
BEN: 142993
471 Application #: 673841
FRN: 1895280
Request for Waiver: Form 486 Filing Deadline

Basis of Request for Waiver of Deadline for Filing Form 486:

The Gila Bend Unified School District respectfully requests that the FCC grant a Waiver of Deadline for filing a Form 486 in order to re-establish the Service Start Date as 07/01/2009 for FRN 1895280 on Application 673841. We also request that the funding commitment be adjusted to the original commitment of \$7,536.00.

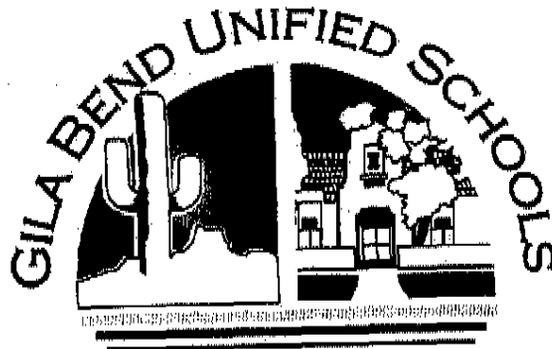
The District had a second 471 Application # 661223 for Priority 1 services for which a FCDL was issued on 06/02/2009. A Form 486 was filed within the deadline of 120 days from 07/01/2009 indicating the Service Start Date for these services to be 07/01/2009. The District was subsequently awarded funding for 471 Application 673841, receiving the FCDL dated 12/02/2009. The District did not realize that a Form 486 had not been filed for this Application until just after the 120 day deadline. The filing deadline was 04/27/2010; a Form 486 (# 732775) was filed on 04/29/2010, two days after the deadline, indicating the Service Start Date as 07/01/2009. Per their procedure, the USAC rolled the Service Start Date back to 12/30/2009 and reduced the funding commitment because of the late filing date of the Form 486.

The District has put procedures in place to prevent future deadlines from being missed and now is better educated to the E-rate process. However, the lost funding is critical District as the State of Arizona has cut school budgets substantially over the last 18 months. We respectfully request that a waiver of this Form 486 filing deadline be granted, and the Service Start Date be adjusted to 07/01/2009 and the funding commitment be restored to \$7536.00, allowing the District to recover this essential funding.

Thank you,



Stephanie Nicely
Consultant
Enclosure: Letter of Agency



August 20, 2008

Nicely Done Consulting
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Re: Letter of Agency For Funding Year 2009-2010

This is to confirm our participation with **Nicely Done Consulting** for the procurement of **Internet Services, Telecommunications Services (Cellular Phone, Long Distance Service, and Local Phone Service), Internal Connections, Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections and any eligible E-rate Services.** I hereby authorize **Nicely Done Consulting** to submit FCC Form 470, FCC Form 471, and other E-rate forms to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company on behalf of the **Gila Bend Unified School District.**

I understand that, in submitting these forms on our behalf, you are making certifications for **Gila Bend Unified School District.** By signing this Letter of Agency, I make the following certifications:

- (a) I certify that schools in our district are all schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 7801(18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.
- (b) I certify that our school district has secured access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity, necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that to the extent that the Billed Entity is passing through the non-discounted charges for the services requested under this Letter of Agency, that the entities I represent have secured access to all of the resources to pay the non-discounted charges for eligible services from funds to which access has been secured in the current funding year.
- (c) I certify that our school district is covered by a technology plan(s) that is written, that covers all 12 months of the funding year, and that has been or will be approved by a state or other authorized body, or an SLD-certified technology plan approver, prior to the commencement of service. The plan(s) is written at the following level(s):

an individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application;
and/or
 higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application;
or

no technology plan needed; applying for basic local, cellular, PCS, and/or long distance telephone service and/or voice mail only.

- (d) I certify that the services the school, library or district purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 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, except as permitted by the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) at 47 C.F.R. § 54.500(et seq.).
- (e) I certify that our school district 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. I acknowledge that failure to comply with program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- (f) I acknowledge 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.
- (g) I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts, and that if audited, I will make such records available to the Administrator. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.
- (h) I certify that I am authorized to order telecommunications and other supported services for the eligible entity(ies) covered by this Letter of Agency. I certify that I am authorized to make this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) covered by this Letter of Agency, that I have examined this Letter, that all of the information on this Letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entities that will be receiving discounted services under this Letter pursuant to this application have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of the program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone and that false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
- (i) I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. I will institute reasonable measures to be informed, and will notify USAC should I be informed or become aware that I or any of the entities, or any person associated in any way with my entity and/or the entities, is convicted of a criminal violation or held civilly liable for acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism.
- (j) I certify, on behalf of the entities covered by this Letter of Agency, that any funding requests for internal connections services, except basic maintenance services, applied for in the resulting FCC Form 471 application are not in violation of the Commission requirement that eligible entities are not eligible for such support more than twice every five funding years beginning with Funding Year 2005 as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 54.506(c).
- (k) I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the non-discount portion of the costs for eligible services will not be paid by the service provider. I acknowledge that the provision, by the provider of a supported service, of free services or products unrelated to the supported service or product constitutes a rebate of some or all of the cost of the supported services.

(I) I certify that I am authorized to sign this Letter of Agency and, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all information provided to Nicely Done Consulting for E-rate submission is true.

Name of Entity Hila Bend USD #24

Date 8/20/ 2008

Signature Anna-Maria Perry

Name: Anna-Maria Perry

Title: Business Manager