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Questions Received From the Universal Service Administrative Company's Training Sessions
in Response to the Commission's *Schools and Libraries Sixth Report and Order*

1. When do each of the provisions in the Order take effect?
2. Is modulating equipment used for lighting dark fiber eligible for purchase in Internal Connections?
3. Special construction charges to connect to an off-premise network from an on-premise network are eligible for lit fiber but not as leased, dark fiber?
4. Is on-premise leased fiber considered Priority 1?
5. Is maintenance of dark fiber off-premise eligible?
6. Are construction charges for leased dark fiber on the property between two eligible entities that share a campus eligible? For example, an elementary and a middle school are on a single campus. What if the fiber connection between the two schools does not connect to a dark fiber backbone off site? Can the connection between the two schools still be leased dark fiber that E-rate will pay for in Priority One?
7. We understand that leased dark fiber must be lit immediately. Define what you mean by "immediately."
8. Is SmartNet either fully or partially eligible?
9. What if a service provider bundles the Smartnet or other maintenance with the eligible product. Does that make the maintenance eligible?
10. Are multiyear maintenance contracts grandfathered in, or are they subject to the new rules?
11. How do you write a maintenance contract for breaking hardware/replacement costs? Do we write a contract for the full amount of the replacement costs? What if the equipment is old and can no longer be repaired and must be replaced?
12. Do we bill for BMIC only after the fund year is over?
13. Are bundled warranties still eligible?
14. We have a contracted person on hand to repair things as needed. Are those contracted services eligible?

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15. When indicating bandwidth on the new forms, do we put the LAN speed or the speed of the WAN connection to the district? For example, speed on the WAN is gigabit but the speed out to the Internet is only 11mbps. Which one do we use?
16. Can you please provide clarification on what is meant by charitable donation? Can an E-rate service provider buy advertising from the school or make a charitable donation to the school?
17. Can a school accept raffle prizes from an E-rate service provider?
18. How do you define who can get gifts? Are the limits applied on a school employee basis? Do teachers fall under these rules?
19. Under what conditions can I attend a seminar?
20. Are the gifts calculated on retail or wholesale value? What about tax and tips?
21. Are anonymous gifts acceptable?
22. Is a manufacturer who sells through resellers subject to the gift rules?
23. Is it OK to accept door prizes?
24. For operational SPIN changes, what if there was only one bidder? Can I just pick another provider?
25. For state networks, do you need a Form 479 if telecom is requested but IA may be running over the lines?
26. Many questions regarding the pilot including how to apply, what the Commission is looking for, etc.
27. Do school hours for community use also pertain to NIFs?
28. What if you have already accepted a gift that exceeds the dollar limits. Does that mean that that provider cannot bid in the upcoming window?
29. Can I ride with a service provider to an event or is that considered a gift as well? What if it is a short ride? What about a longer one?
30. A provider is on our fundraising board. Is that prohibited? Can he still donate phones for our silent auction?
31. Can a provider donate old computers to a school or is that considered a gift?
32. If we post a 470 for P1, do we put no tech plan even if we have one? What if we file a separate 470 for P2? Do the answers. On the two forms have to match for a single BEN?
33. Does the removal of budget from tech plans mean that I don't have to show that I can pay my non-discounted share in a Selective Review?

34. There is a state-wide association of IT directors. They receive a donation of iPod Touches from Apple and each of the IT Directors that attend the association conference receives one. The association believes that the gift is OK because the gift was from the association to its members and because everyone at the conference received one and they didn't just go to some of the attendees. Is this allowable?

35. Gifts to entities instead of individuals: (a) A provider gives a bunch of hardware and service as a proof of concept to show that their (potentially e-rate eligible solution) works. Because the vendor is giving this to the district and not an individual, they believe that this is allowable. Is that correct? (b) The SP provides a number of training vouchers to the district so they can learn how to use their products. Because they allow the district to determine which employee(s) get to use the vouchers, they believe the gift is exempt from the dollar limitation. Is that correct?

36. Donations to schools: a vendor provides USB thumb drive or notebook cases to all high school students. Is it OK for the district to accept the donation?

37. I filed a Form 470 when dark fiber was eligible and the resulting contract is still in effect. Can I just cite that Form 470 on my funding request?

38. I filed a Form 470 for lit and dark fiber last year and followed all FCC rules for competitive bidding and then signed a multiyear contract for dark fiber. Can I just cite that Form 470 on my funding request?