

# Request for Waiver

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Applicant Name: **Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy**

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Entity Number: **56726**

Funding Year: **2014-2015**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Re: Name: **Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy**  
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Contact: Sephira Shuttlesworth, School Director  
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BEN: **56726**  
Funding Year: **2014-2015**  
Application #: **991894**  
Petitioner: Mark Blaubach, Regional IT Director

April 7, 2014

To whom it may concern:

This is a letter for a request of a Waiver regarding the following USAC Notification for Form 471 Application # 991894:

'Your Form 471 application and or certifications was submitted online or postmarked AFTER the deadline for an application to be considered as filed within the window.'

I am making this request on behalf of Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy BEN: 56726.

My request for Waiver regards the following Form 471:

**Waiver/Appeal Request:**

**Funding Year 2014-2015 Form 471 application filed after the filing window deadline**

**Form 471 Information: 991894**

Funding Request Number(s):

**FRN: 2707190      Service Provider Name: TDS Metrocom**

I was unable to complete the Form 471 online by the filing deadline due to technical issues encountered with the USAC website and the web proxy service within our organization that was blocking access to the site. We were unable to resolve the combination of issues by that evening in order to complete by the deadline. The request for waiver was suggested by USAC support after I inquired on the following day. They

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instructed that it would be best to submit prior to an actual denial letter (Case 22-61538).

I am the regional IT director for Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy and this is the first year I took over the function of submitting the 470 and 471 applications for this school among others. This particular application and its funding requests were one of the last two to be submitted when the deadline occurred. The school staff had supplied me with all of the information for the completion of the Form 471 on the deadline date, but it could not be finalized until after the deadline. Since that date, the application has been completed along with all Item 21 attachments submitted online. Paper certifications were also sent to USAC.

This request is made on behalf of the Billed Entity Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy for a Waiver/appeal to be granted. Granting this request for waiver serves the school and public best interest in allowing the advancement of communications and information services to the school and its students, who are otherwise eligible and are economically challenged, to continue with services which can only be accomplished with the funding sought as a result of this request.

By granting this Waiver/Appeal, USAC could be directed to review Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy application for funding during the Funding Year 2014-2015.

Your favorable consideration is greatly appreciated in this matter.

Sincerely,



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