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**Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program  
Funding Year 2007 Filing Window will open November 14, 2006**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On October 19, 2006, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Public Notice (FCC 06-158) releasing the Funding Year 2007 Eligible Services List. This notice waived the requirement that the Eligible Services List be published at least 60 days before the commencement of the filing window, which allows the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to open the window on November 14, 2006.

The Form 471 (Service Ordered and Certification Form) application filing window for Funding Year 2007 will open at noon EST on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, and will close at 11:59 pm EST on Wednesday, February 7, 2007. The filing window will be open for 86 days.

The Eligible Services List indicates whether specific products or services may be able to receive discounts under the Schools and Libraries Program. Note that the Funding Year 2007 Eligible Services List has important new information regarding interconnected Voice-over-Internet Protocol (VoIP), redundant components, installation and configuration (training), KVM switches, fees for Universal Service administration, and wireless Internet.

Please check USAC's website for further details. Copies of the Public Notice and the Funding Year 2007 Eligible Services List are available at <http://www.usac.org/sl/>.

**About the Universal Service Administrative Company**

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation designated as the permanent administrator of the federal Universal Service Fund by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). USAC administers Universal Service Fund programs for high cost companies serving rural areas, low-income consumers, schools and libraries, and rural health care providers. The Universal Service Fund helps provide communities across the country with affordable telecommunications services. For more information, please visit [www.usac.org](http://www.usac.org).

**About the Schools and Libraries Program**

The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, commonly known as "E-Rate," is administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC, and provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. It is one of four support programs funded through a Universal Service fee charged to companies that provide interstate and/or international telecommunications services.

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