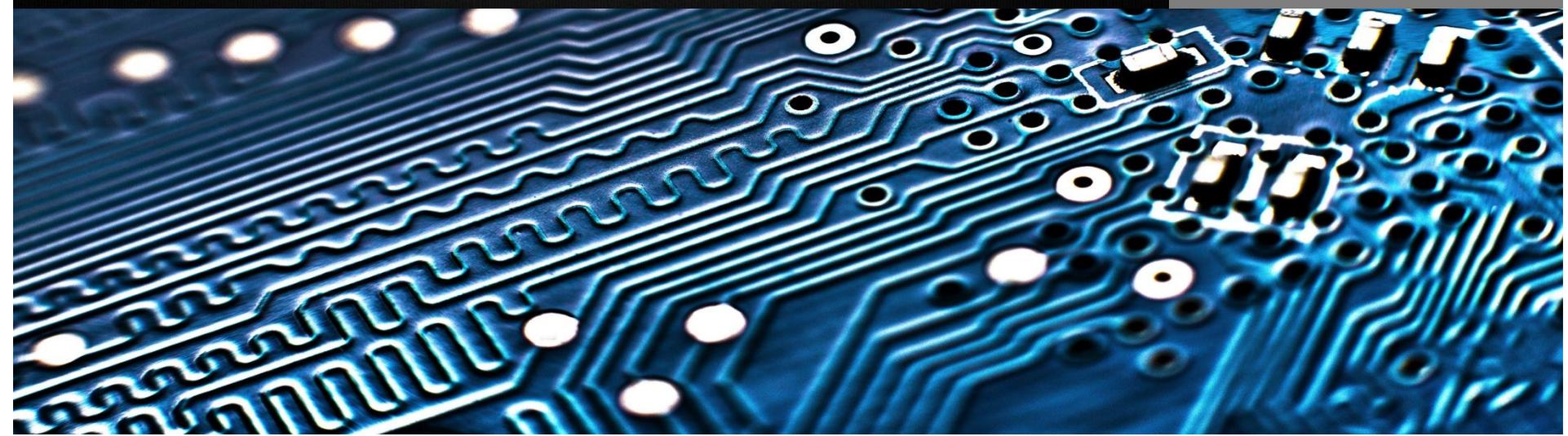


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E-Rate Update

GaDOE Technology Summit
April 15, 2015

Presenters - Charlie Jackson and Candice Hall



**FCC Form 471 Filing Window closes
tomorrow, **April 16th at 11:59 pm****

**CSB will be open late (30 minutes
after the window closes) to assist
you with any issues.**



Who Is Ga E-rate?

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Modernization Order

Refocus E-rate on broadband to the classroom

- Set broadband goals for schools and libraries
- Fund Wi-Fi by eliminating or phasing out support for Priority 1 “legacy” services

Fast, simple, and efficient E-rate process

Completely electronic by FY2016



Modernization Order

Old “Priority 1” and “Priority 2” designations dropped, new nomenclature will be:

- **Category 1:** Services that enable Broadband connectivity **to** the school/library.
- **Category 2:** Services that enable Broadband connectivity **within** the school/library.
- Discounts are calculated for the organization as a whole.
- The highest discount for C2 is now 85%



FY2015 Eligible Services List

Category One Services Now **INELIGIBLE:**

- Web Hosting
- Voice Services (20% phase down)
- Cellular Data
- Voicemail
- Email
- Texting



FY2015 Eligible Services List

Category Two services now **ineligible:**

Components that do not support broadband distribution.

- Servers
- Circuit Cards
- Voice/VoIP Components
- Video Components



Modernization Order

Document Retention

10 years from last date to receive service.

FY 2015: this is at least June 30, 2026

- Any document from a prior year that supports current year must be kept until 10 years from last date to receive service as well.
- E.g., Contract from 2010 for recurring services, used to support FY 2015 FRNs, must be kept until at least June 30, 2026

Documents may be retained in electronic format or paper and must be disclosed upon request.



Category Two Budgets

School budgets are \$150 per student **PRE-DISCOUNT** based on full time and part time students counts at the school.

Minimum Budget - \$9,200.

This is a **5 year plan** starting the first year you accept a C2 funding commitment.



Category Two Services

Eligible Category Two Services:

- Access points used in a LAN or WLAN environment (such as wireless access points)
- Antennas, cabling, connectors, and related components used for internal broadband connections
- Caching – Switches – Routers – Racks
- Firewall services and components
- Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)/Battery Backup
- Wireless controller systems
- Software supporting each of the components on this list used to distribute high-speed broadband throughout school buildings and libraries



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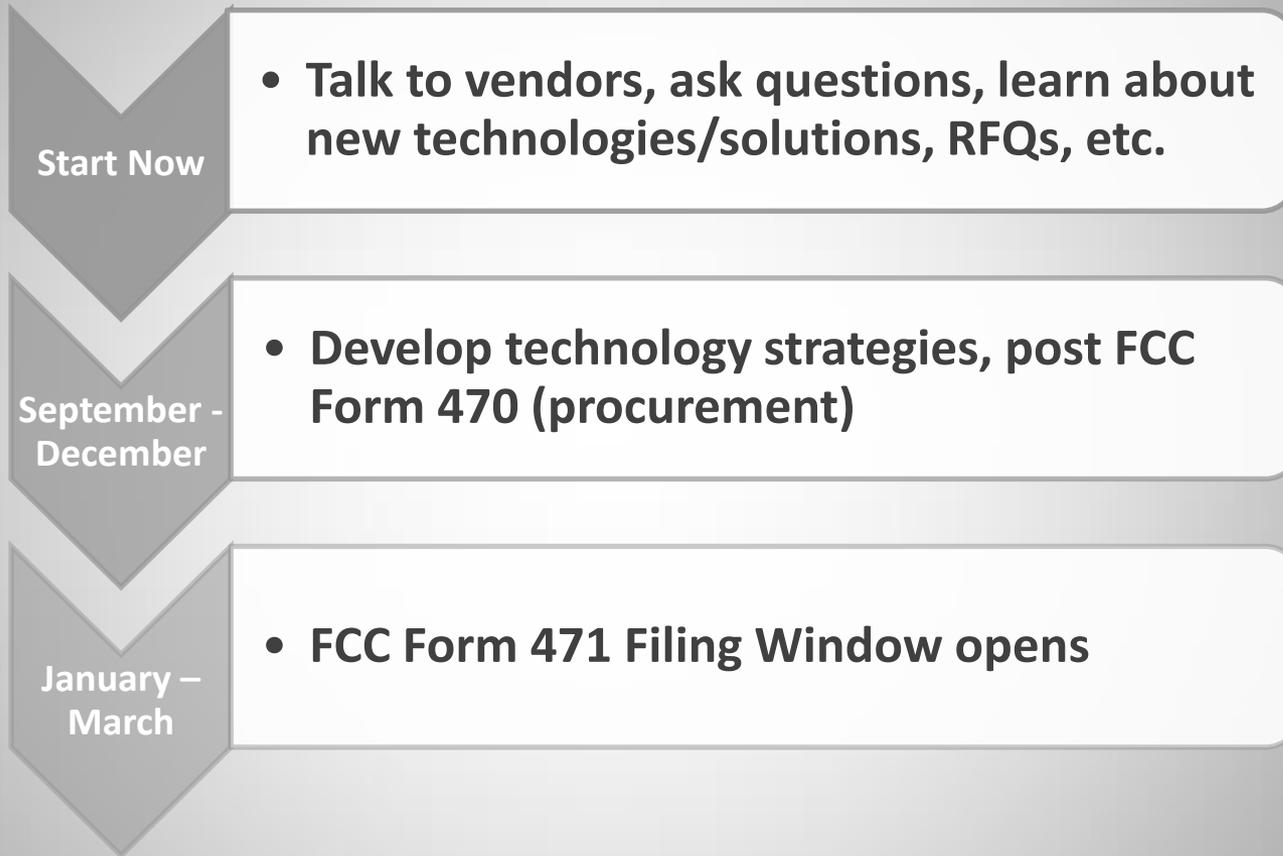
Beginning in FY2015

Managed Internal Broadband Service

- Created to help cover the operation, management, and monitoring of a LAN or WLAN.
- Applicants benefit from greater flexibility to choose among managed Wi-Fi options



Planning for FY2016



Planning for FY2016

ALL Voice services are being phased out

- Funds previously spent on bandwidth could now be redirected to Voice services

C2 Budgets are 5 year plans

- Historically C2 was typically only available to those top discount bands. Now everyone has a chance to get C2.
- The 2 in 5 rule has been suspended until FY2019
- Once you accept a C2 funding commitment, your five year budget cycle begins



GaE-rate Outreach

- PIA Review Assistance
- Beginner's E-rate Boot Camp
- FY2016 Eligible Services List Updates
- E-rate Program Updates
- Online For 470 & 471 Training



Questions?





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