



E-Rate Update

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Overview

- ▶ E-Rate definition
- ▶ Update on historical E-Rate initiatives
- ▶ Update on current E-Rate initiatives
- ▶ Share upcoming projects

E-Rate Definition

Program created in 1996 which provides discounts for schools & libraries in:

- ▶ Telecommunications
- ▶ Internet access
- ▶ Internal connections
- ▶ Basic maintenance of internal connections

- ▶ Discounts are based on the free/reduced lunch percentage
- ▶ Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are posted
 - Bids are received & reviewed
 - Vendor is selected
 - Application is submitted
 - Schools wait for approval

E-Rate Historical Initiatives

- ▶ Installed current network – both wide area network & local area network (WAN & LAN) in 2001
- ▶ Local telephone service *
- ▶ Internet access for District *
- ▶ Cell phones *
- ▶ Maintenance on network and telephone equipment **
- ▶ Cabling (both new wiring and repair) **

* Priority 1

** Priority 2



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Awards vs Disbursements

- Awarded Funds are “Budgeted Amounts” only
 - Disbursements are based on actual invoice amounts
 - Total disbursements will be less than awarded funds

E-Rate Status Update (since 2007)

- Funding awarded through 12/31/2011 – \$20.6M
 - 2007 -- \$8.4M
 - 2008 -- \$2.8M
 - 2009 -- \$4.8M
 - 2010 -- \$4.6M
- Funding still under Review by SLD
 - 2011 -- \$4.0M
- Expect final decisions within 30–60 days

E-Rate Status Update

Funding Awarded – through March 1, 2012

Fund Year	Total Discounts Requested	F & R Disc %	Discounts Awarded through December 2011	Discounts Pending
2007	\$ 8,424,576	87	\$ 8,424,576	\$ –
2008	\$ 6,937,909	86	\$ 2,809,216	\$ –
2009	\$ 4,790,815	84	\$ 4,790,815	\$ –
2010	\$ 4,609,305	88	\$ 4,609,305	\$ –
2011	\$ 4,041,775	87	\$ –	\$ 4,041,775
Total	\$ 28,804,380		\$ 20,633,912	\$ 4,041,775

Notes: Discount Percentage for 2011 is under review

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Current Status & Initiatives

- 2012 Funding – Posted RFPs for:
 - Local phone service
 - Cell phone service
 - Internet access
 - Web hosting
 - PBX (telephone maintenance)
 - Cabling
 - Network maintenance
 - Upgrade to current network (both District & Schools)

E-Rate Rule Changes

- ▶ Prior to 2012
 - Network monitoring was an allowable E-Rate charge.
- ▶ Now
 - Network monitoring is now more clearly explained that it is **not** E-Rate eligible under the new SLD rules



Questions