E-Rate Update

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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

SLPS E-Rate
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 12/31/2013 – $34.1M
  - 2007 –– $8.4M   ⬅   *
  - 2008 –– $2.8M
  - 2009 –– $5.3M
  - 2010 –– $4.6M
  - 2011 –– $1.3M   ⬅   **
  - 2012 –– $10.2M
  - 2013 –– $1.4M (P1)
- Funding still under Review by SLD
  - 2013 –– $3.3M (P2)

* Money held up due to E-Rate audit
** Money released after "clean" audit

E–Rate Status Update

Funding Awarded – through December 31, 2013

Fund Year	Total Discounts Requested	F & R Disc %	Discounts Awarded through December 2013	Discounts Pending
2007	$ 11,760,877	87%	$ 8,424,576	$ -
2008	$ 7,485,496	86%	$ 2,809,216	$ -
2009	$ 5,966,231	84%	$ 5,327,477	$ -
2010	$ 5,422,565	88%	$ 4,609,305	$ -
2011	$ 4,041,776	87%	$ 1,340,574	$ -
2012	$ 10,186,337	88%	$ 10,186,337	$ -
2013	$ 4,672,569	88%	$ 1,359,995	$ 3,312,574
Total	$ 49,535,850		$ 34,057,479	$ 3,312,574

Note: FY2008 and 2011 – only P1 funding was awarded due to SLD funds shortage

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Current Status & Initiatives

- 2014 Funding Applications
  - Local phone service
  - Cell phone service
  - Internet access (RFP)
  - Internal connections (RFP)
  - Cabling (break/fix)
  - Network maintenance
  - Upgrade to current network (remaining 18 schools)

E-Rate Budget Savings

▶ Internet Access
  ◦ RFP shows reduction of 35%

▶ Internal Access
  ◦ RFP shows reduction of 25%