

E-RATE TIMELINE

- Form 470:** File before January 1st of each year, include RFP if needed.
- Both RFP and Form 470 must have been publicly available for the same 28 day period before selecting vendor

- Form 471:** File before close of filing window
- Certify online
 - Answer questions from PIA promptly

Receipt Acknowledgment Letter

- Sent by SLD after application is certified
- Review carefully---Any errors committed by you or SLD can be corrected on the letter.

Funding Commitment Decision Letter

- Sent by SLD after application passes review
- Tells how much the SLD has committed for each funding request on the Form 471

- Form 486:** Indicates services have started
- File before 120 days from date on Funding Commitment Letter or July 1 (whichever is later).

FOR DISCOUNTS ON YOUR BILLS:

AT&T/BELLSOUTH Grid:

Contact the AT&T National E-rate Center of Excellence at 1- 866-336-8278 between 8:00-5:00 (EST) Monday through Friday.

- File after Form 486 approval letter is received.
- The verified grids will be mailed back to you. Check them carefully.
- Request an email to let you know when the discounts should appear on your bill.

Other Vendors: Contact the vendor and ask for discounts.

FOR REIMBURSEMENT:

Form 472 (BEAR):

- File quarterly, semi-annually, or annually
- File online, your service provider will be automatically notified of the filing for certification
- Or, File a paper copy after you have received the provider's block 4 certification

For any questions or problems with all of the above contact:

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