



PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500
Fax-On-Demand 202 / 418-2830
TTY 202 / 418-2555
Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov>
fto.fcc.gov

DA 14-426

Released: March 28, 2014

WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES E-RATE INFLATION-BASED CAP FOR FUNDING YEAR 2014

CC Docket No. 02-6

Pursuant to section 54.507(a) of the Commission's rules,¹ the Wireline Competition Bureau announces that the E-rate program funding cap for funding year 2014 is \$2,413,817,693.² Section 54.507(a)(1) of the Commission's rules requires an adjustment of the E-rate program's annual cap based on the gross domestic product chain-type price index (GDP-CPI) measure of inflation.³ The new cap represents a 1.4% inflation-adjusted increase from funding year 2013's cap of \$2,380,314,485.⁴ The Commission began indexing the annual funding cap to inflation in 2010 to allow the E-rate program to keep pace with the changing telecommunications needs of schools and libraries.⁵

For further information, please contact James Bachtell, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

- FCC -

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.507(a).

² The 2014 funding year runs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. The E-rate program is more formally known as the schools and libraries universal service support program.

³ *Schools And Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; A National Broadband Plan For Our Future*, CC Docket No. 02-6, GN Docket No. 09-51, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 18762, 18782, para. 39 (2010) (*E-rate Sixth Report and Order*).

⁴ *Id.* at 18781, 18783, paras. 36, 40; National Income and Product Accounts Table, Bureau of Economic Analysis, revised February 28, 2013, Table 1.1.4, <http://www.bea.gov/iTable/iTable.cfm?ReqID=9&step=1#reqid=9&step=3&isuri=1&910=x&911=0&903=4&904=2011&905=2013&906=a> (last visited Mar. 27, 2014) (GDP-CPI table; based on gross domestic product of 105.008 in 2012 and 106.486 in 2013, we calculate an increase of 1.4%).

⁵ *E-rate Sixth Report and Order*, 25 FCC Rcd at 18781, para. 36.