

# E-RATE FILING WINDOW TIMELINE



## ADMIN WINDOW

Usually begins in September or October and goes through January

## FORM 470

Usually get posted at the same time as the Admin Window

Lists the services the applicant would like to request and must be posted for 28 days

## FORM 471

Funding Request in EPC  
Deadline is usually in March

Applicant files with services and vendors that were selected during evaluation process

## PIA

Program Integrity Assurance  
Process where USAC reviews and may ask for clarification

15 Day Deadline

## FORM 486

Once approved, applicants send in this form to notify USAC that services are starting

Must be filed 120 after receiving FCDL or by the service date

Applicant must get CIPA  
Certification

## POST PAYMENT REVIEWS

There are several types of reviews  
USAC may do such as Invoice Reviews, Service Certifications or Payment Quality Assurance

All reviews have a 7 calendar day  
deadline to respond

## BIDDING PROCESS

Minimum of 28 days  
Service providers can view 470s and submit bids

After evaluation of bids, contract is signed with chosen service provider

## RAL

Receipt Acknowledgement Letter  
After filing their 471, applicants are still able to make small changes by submitting a corrected RAL up until receiving their FCDL

## FCDL

Funding Commitment Decision Letter - states whether or not application has been approved, denied or partially approved

There is a 60 day period to appeal a denial

## REIMBURSEMENT

2 Methods- BEAR or SPI

BEAR- Applicants pay in full, invoice USAC via Form 472 and get funds direct deposited

SPI-Applicant only pays discounted portion, service provider invoices USAC

