# May 12, 2022 ACTEM Business Meeting Anne Perloff

## **E-Rate Updates**

### 1. FY2022 Funding Waves

The first FY2022 Funding Wave was released on April 23. Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) will be issued via email with a PDF attachment and will also be available in your EPC profile. Additionally, after every wave rolls out, I will email a notice and instructions to each applicant in that wave.

#### 2. Upcoming Forms and Deadlines

#### a. FY2022 Form 486

After you go through PIA review and receive a Funding Commitment Decision Letter, you will need to file a Form 486 to indicate the start of services and certify CIPA compliance. The Form 486 must be certified no later than 120 days after the service start date or 120 days after the date of the FCDL, whichever is later. Each funded FRN must be included on a Form 486 in order to receive E-Rate monies for it. Unless you want to do early installation for a project, I would recommend waiting until services actually start on July 1 to file this form simply because it is easy to screw up the early filing certifications.

#### b. FCC Form 498

If this is the first year your school district or independent school filed for E-Rate, it is likely that you have not filed a Form 498 for your organization. You will need to do so before you can receive any BEAR reimbursements via direct deposit.

If you have an approved 498ID that was sent to you after you both filed a Form 498 and the form was approved by USAC, you do not need to complete another Form 498. You will continue to use your existing 498ID when filing BEARs.

### c. BEAR Forms

Once you have received an FCDL, have filed a Form 486, and have paid the bill(s) associated with the BEAR request for reimbursement, you may file your BEARs as often as you desire (monthly, quarterly, once a year) up to your funding commitment dollar amount.

The deadline for FY2021 BEARs (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) is October 28, 2022.

The deadline for FY2022 BEARs (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) is October 28, 2023 ---- but again these cannot be filed until after the items mentioned have all been completed.

## **ECF Update**

## 1. Third Application Window

Window 3 closes tomorrow, Friday, May 13, 2022, at 11:59 PM. This window is for support for eligible equipment and up to 12 months of services that will be received or delivered between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023 for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons with unmet needs.

# **Networkmaine Update**

## 1. Zoom Subscriptions

If you have not already responded to the email about renewing your Zoom subscriptions, please do so as soon as possible. Our pricing is based on the number of subscriptions ordered, so it is important to accurately assess and report your anticipated needs. We anticipate that the cost for each one-year Zoom subscription for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 will be in the range of \$25 to \$29 with a final price to be determined.