

**E-Rate Update: FCC Seeks Comments  
on Proposed Changes in E-Rate; and  
Funding Commitment Letters Sent to Applicants  
for Year 1, 2 and 3 Appeals Found to be Meritorious**

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**SPECIAL REPORT**

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Two major developments have occurred with respect to the E-Rate program. The FCC posted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making on January 25 calling for comments within 45 days after publication in the Federal Register on numerous proposed changes which could provide increased opportunities for TechMIS subscribers that have E-Rate eligible products and services, as well as those with non-eligible products. The proposed changes represent an attempt to streamline the program, ensure fair and equitable distribution of funds, and protect applicants from fraud and abuse.

Several changes relate to “eligible services.” Currently, informal inquiries as to whether a particular product is eligible can be made with limited guidance. On the other hand, an appeal can be made only after a requested service in question is rejected because of ineligibility. This problem has been addressed in many of the biweekly Wednesday service provider conference calls. One possible alternative approach suggested in the proposed rule making would be to establish a computerized list, which is accessible online, through which applicants could select a specific product or service as part of their FCC Form 471 application. While this could reduce the number of rejections, it could also limit applicants’ ability to take advantage of newly introduced products and services which could be eligible.

The FCC is also seeking comments regarding eligibility policies related to WANs, wireless service, and voice mail. Comments are also sought related to other eligibility issues such as: permitting schools and libraries to receive discounts for Internet access that may, in certain limited cases,

contain content, as long as it is the most cost-effective form of Internet access; and whether to require schools and libraries certify their compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disability Act and related statutes such as Section 508. Attempts under the Clinton Administration to require such assurances related to compliance of Section 508 that all technology purchases (including software), be accessible to individuals with disabilities, were sternly rejected. By including this new ADA certification requirement, the FCC would be acting consistently with this Administration's New Freedom Initiative, which could be good for certain assistive technology sales. Specifically, the FCC would like those commenting to "propose language" for any ADA certification and suggest an effective date of this certification requirement.

Under current procedures, service providers and applicants are advised to determine jointly whether the applicant will either: (a) pay the service provider the full cost of the service and subsequently receive reimbursement from the provider for the discounted portion after the provider receives reimbursement on the BEAR form; or (b) pay only the nondiscounted portion of the cost of service. Noting that some large providers require recipients to use the BEAR form, the FCC is interested in receiving comments on, for example, whether a determination should be at the sole discretion of the applicant. It is also seeking comment on whether the ten-day limit on service provider reimbursement of discount amounts should be extended to 20 days. The existence of the BEAR process beginning in August 1998 has resulted in between \$4-\$5 billion being leveraged through E-Rate generated refunds to purchase ineligible products and services such as computers, software, and even staff development. While the BEAR process has, in some cases, created some administrative problems for both applicants and eligible service providers it has certainly been a major source for purchases of instructional software.

Last, among other items, the FCC is seeking comments on how it should treat unused funds such as automatically carrying over unspent funds one year to the next year, on top of the \$2.25 billion cap.

As an example of the opportunities available through the current BEAR process, the USAC recently posted, on its website, districts which have received Funding Commitment Letters indicating their appeals had been found to be "meritorious" or "out-of-the-window" applications had been approved.

Some of these new authorizations and funding commitments concerned appeals in Year 1 and Year 2. However, the vast majority (recently posted in the USAC fourth quarter report) were funding commitments and authorizations for Year 3. Enclosed as Attachment A is an updated listing (similar to the previous list in the December Special Alert which is also included as Attachment B) of districts receiving authorizations and funding commitments of at least \$100,000; these districts very likely will be requesting refunds under the BEAR process, which in turn can be used to purchase software, training, and other non-eligible products and services (see suggestions in the Attachment A). TechMIS subscribers are urged to follow the procedure included in our December E-Rate Special Report (Attachment B enclosed). If there are any questions please contact Charles Blaschke directly.

**E-RATE AUTHORIZATIONS****FY2002; Q2**

(\$100,000 or more)

Applicant Name	City	State	Authorized
Funding Year 1			
BIBB COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MACON	GA	\$613,981
NEWBURGH ENLARGED CTY SCH DIST	NEWBURGH	NY	\$405,137
CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	CLOVIS	CA	\$144,000
Funding Year 2			
PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$4,672,744
ERIE 1 BOCES	WEST SENECA	NY	\$2,889,360
HOUSTON INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	HOUSTON	TX	\$2,408,597
EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCH DIST	EL MONTE	CA	\$2,187,940
CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS	CHICAGO	IL	\$2,128,789
GARLAND INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	GARLAND	TX	\$1,658,250
BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	MONCKS CORNER	SC	\$1,162,838
AUSTIN INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	AUSTIN	TX	\$836,966
HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIF DIST	CITY OF INDUSTRY	CA	\$826,703
CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	CLEVELAND	OH	\$716,437
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	LOS ANGELES	CA	\$691,235
ELIZABETH SCHOOL DISTRICT	ELIZABETH	NJ	\$559,588
ROWLAND HEIGHTS SCHOOL DIST	ROWLAND HEIGHTS	CA	\$538,821
SAN DIEGO CITY UNIF SCH DIST	SAN DIEGO	CA	\$511,107
MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MOUNT VERNON	NY	\$481,748
CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	CHARLOTTE COURT HOUSE	VA	\$422,211
DELANO UN ELEM SCHOOL DISTRICT	DELANO	CA	\$406,068
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MIAMI	FL	\$394,311
SCHENECTADY CITY SCHOOL DIST	SCHENECTADY	NY	\$388,367
FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	FAIRFAX	VA	\$364,772
SANTA ANA UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	SANTA ANA	CA	\$318,210
MCCREARY COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	STEARNS	KY	\$314,004
PULASKI COUNTY	SOMERSET	KY	\$311,137
WESTERN HEIGHTS SCHOOL DIST 41	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	\$267,366
COLORADO RIVER UN H S DIST 2	BULLHEAD CITY	AZ	\$254,633
ALASKA GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	TOK	AK	\$249,568
READING SCHOOL DISTRICT	READING	PA	\$241,385
LIMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	LIMA	OH	\$226,800
NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT	LANSDALE	PA	\$219,937
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUB LIB	DOWNEY	CA	\$204,516
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHS	LOUISVILLE	KY	\$198,254
DOOLITTLE PRIMARY WEST SCHOOL	CHICAGO	IL	\$193,904
DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	DURHAM	NC	\$192,838
ENNIS INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	ENNIS	TX	\$181,802
BLACK MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CHICAGO	IL	\$180,139
LENOIR COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	KINSTON	NC	\$167,444
KENAI PENINSULA BORO SCH DIST	SOLDOTNA	AK	\$153,845
LA PRYOR INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	LA PRYOR	TX	\$140,603
ST JOHNS UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST 1	ST. JOHNS	AZ	\$135,367

Funding Year 2 (cont)			
PRICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CHICAGO	IL	\$134,904
GRANT JOINT UN HIGH SCH DIST	SACRAMENTO	CA	\$132,144
BENSON CONSORTIUM	BENSON	AZ	\$128,132
ISAAC ELEM SCHOOL DISTRICT 5	PHOENIX	AZ	\$125,471
JOHN W COOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CHICAGO	IL	\$125,289
BRECKINRIDGE CO SCHOOL DIST	HARDINBURG	KY	\$123,833
WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC SCH DIST	BOWLING GREEN	KY	\$122,683
CHULA VISTA ELEM SCHOOL DIST	CHULA VISTA	CA	\$120,387
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	PASADENA	CA	\$116,579
BALLARD COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	BARLOW	KY	\$113,900
MASSAPEQUA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT	MASSAPEQUA	NY	\$112,000
H C ANDERSEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL	CHICAGO	IL	\$111,486
CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	CAMBRIDGE	MA	\$107,880
HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	HAZLETON	PA	\$106,704
REDLANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST	REDLANDS	CA	\$104,159
BANNEKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CHICAGO	IL	\$100,040
Funding Year 3			
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MIAMI	FL	\$320,267
GADSDEN I.S.D.	ANTHONY	NM	\$319,155
LOUDOUN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	LEESBURG	VA	\$310,032
RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	RACINE	WI	\$309,755
BAKERSFIELD CITY ELEM SCH DIST	BAKERSFIELD	CA	\$299,985
MADISON METRO SCHOOL DISTRICT	MADISON	WI	\$297,603
KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	KNOXVILLE	TN	\$296,505
RIVERSIDE CO OFFICE OF EDUC	RIVERSIDE	CA	\$296,104
BAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	PANAMA CITY	FL	\$287,828
WEST VIRGINIA STATE DEPT OF ED	CHARLESTON	WV	\$285,033
BALTIMORE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	BALTIMORE	MD	\$282,604
EASTERN NEBRASKA DISTANCE LEARNING CONSORTIUM	FREMONT	NE	\$282,199
ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$278,010
VIRGINIA BEACH CITY SCH DIST	VIRGINIA BEACH	VA	\$277,328
CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	CHARLESTON	SC	\$274,570
CHINLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST 24	CHINLE	AZ	\$269,815
PLANO INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	PLANO	TX	\$267,330
UNIONDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST	UNIONDALE	NY	\$261,582
ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIST	ANAHEIM	CA	\$261,268
ORLEANS-NIAGARA BOCES	MEDINA	NY	\$251,907
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	RENO	NV	\$247,011
COUNCIL ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	RICHBORO	PA	\$245,840
ELK GROVE UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	ELK GROVE	CA	\$245,131
HILLSIDE CHILDREN'S CTR SCHOOL	ROCHESTER	NY	\$244,811
COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	NAPLES	FL	\$243,801
MADERA UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST	MADERA	CA	\$243,783
PATERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT	PATERSON	NJ	\$243,199
UNITED TALMUDICAL ACADEMY	BROOKLYN	NY	\$239,612
SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	SPRINGFIELD	MA	\$235,685
BETH JACOB HIGH SCHOOL	BROOKLYN	NY	\$229,236
ALUM ROCK UNION ELEM SCH DIST	SAN JOSE	CA	\$228,692
PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMM SCHOOLS	PLYMOUTH	MI	\$228,398
PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	PORTERVILLE	CA	\$227,400
MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	INEZ	KY	\$226,108
SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	SARASOTA	FL	\$224,888
BEND/LA PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 1	BEND	OR	\$222,720
ERIE 2 BOCES	ANGOLA	NY	\$216,817

Funding Year 3(cont)			
PUYALLUP PUBLIC SCHOOLS #3	PUYALLUP	WA	\$212,952
CEDAR RAPIDS COMM SCHOOL DIST	CEDAR RAPIDS	IA	\$211,787
GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST	GLENDALE	CA	\$207,644
CHINLE BOARDING SCHOOL	MANY FARMS	AZ	\$207,262
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	ROCKVILLE	MD	\$205,388
BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY/METRO BOSTON LIBRARY NETWORK	BOSTON	MA	\$205,198
NEWPORT-MESA UNIF SCHOOL DIST	COSTA MESA	CA	\$204,190
BULLOCH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATESBORO	GA	\$203,392
SOUTH BAY UN ELEM SCHOOL DIST	IMPERIAL BEACH	CA	\$202,243
GROSSMONT UNION H S DISTRICT	EL CAJON	CA	\$201,961
ARCHDIOCESE PHILADELPHIA SCHS	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$201,544
INDIANAPOLIS-MARION CO PUB LIB	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	\$201,493
LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST I 8	LAWTON	OK	\$201,462
SINTON INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	SINTON	TX	\$201,352
ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	LUMBERTON	NC	\$198,264
BETHEL CHRISTIAN LEARNING CTR	JAMAICA	NY	\$197,749
TOLEDO SCHOOL DISTRICT	TOLEDO	OH	\$196,769
PARADISE VALLEY UNIF DIST 69	PHOENIX	AZ	\$195,894
RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	RIALTO	CA	\$195,532
SANTA CLARA CO OFFICE OF EDUC	SAN JOSE	CA	\$195,327
SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST	CARMICHAEL	CA	\$192,422
CALEXICO UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	CALEXICO	CA	\$184,020
NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	NEW BEDFORD	MA	\$182,547
MOORE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	CARTHAGE	NC	\$181,950
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR P S D 147	HARVEY	IL	\$181,152
LANE EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT	EUGENE	OR	\$180,801
BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	PINEVILLE	KY	\$180,739
LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST	LYNWOOD	CA	\$180,389
CERIA M. TRAVIS ACADEMY	MILWAUKEE	WI	\$178,864
PPEP TEC-FERNANDEZ LEARN CENTE	TUCSON	AZ	\$178,565
POLK COUNTY LIBRARY COOPERATIVE	BARTOW	FL	\$177,984
SWEETWATER UN HIGH SCH DIST	CHULA VISTA	CA	\$177,098
LENNOX ELEM SCHOOL DISTRICT	LENNOX	CA	\$176,309
LAKE WASHINGTON SCH DIST 414	REDMOND	WA	\$175,364
DOUGLAS UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST 27	DOUGLAS	AZ	\$173,132
TOLEDO-LUCAS CO PUBLIC LIBRARY	TOLEDO	OH	\$172,880
INDIAN RIVER CO SCHOOL DIST	VERO BEACH	FL	\$172,598
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	LOUISA	KY	\$171,325
ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	ST AUGUSTINE	FL	\$170,236
ROSEMOUNT IND SCHOOL DIST 0196	ROSEMOUNT	MN	\$169,590
MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIF SCHS	MONTEREY	CA	\$168,910
FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	FONTANA	CA	\$167,523
GLENDALE ELEM SCHOOL DIST 40	GLENDALE	AZ	\$167,155
BIA CNTRL OFC/DPT OF INTERIOR	WASHINGTON	DC	\$167,051
RIVERSIDE UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	RIVERSIDE	CA	\$165,880
NASH-ROCKY MOUNT SCHOOL DIST	NASHVILLE	NC	\$165,614
ALHAMBRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	ALHAMBRA	CA	\$161,846
TROY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	TROY	NY	\$161,456
CLOVIS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	CLOVIS	CA	\$161,430
COLTON JOINT UNIF SCH DISTRICT	COLTON	CA	\$161,412
INGLEWOOD UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	INGLEWOOD	CA	\$159,399
CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT 5	ENGLEWOOD	CO	\$159,208
BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	BEAUFORT	SC	\$156,442
R.I. DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY	PROVIDENCE	RI	\$155,162

Funding Year 3 (cont)			
LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL DIST	LIVINGSTON	LA	\$153,600
CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	CHINO	CA	\$152,570
JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1	GOLDEN	CO	\$152,159
CORONA-NORCO UNIF SCH DISTRICT	NORCO	CA	\$152,133
GALLUP-MCKINLEY CO SCHOOL DIST	GALLUP	NM	\$150,740
GENESEE VALLEY/WAYNE-FINGER LAKES EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICE	NEWARK	NY	\$150,285
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DIST	BETHLEHEM	PA	\$149,410
ALDINE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	HOUSTON	TX	\$148,834
OCEANSIDE CITY UNIF SCH DIST	OCEANSIDE	CA	\$148,332
ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	RIVERSIDE	CA	\$147,649
LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	JONESVILLE	VA	\$147,277
ALEUTIAN EAST BOROUGH SCH DIST	SAND POINT	AK	\$147,224
CHULA VISTA ELEM SCHOOL DIST	CHULA VISTA	CA	\$146,907
MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DIST 1	MARION	SC	\$145,887
PARKVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	ARMONA	CA	\$145,472
NEW LONDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	NEW LONDON	CT	\$145,242
HIGHWAY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	NEW YORK	NY	\$143,923
PITTSBURG UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	PITTSBURG	CA	\$143,391
REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCH DIST	AVENAL	CA	\$142,226
LEWISVILLE ISD	LEWISVILLE	TX	\$141,719
VAL VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST	PERRIS	CA	\$137,464
SCHENECTADY CITY SCHOOL DIST	SCHENECTADY	NY	\$137,085
COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	LAKE CITY	FL	\$136,587
LYONS TOWNSHIP HS DISTRICT 204	LA GRANGE	IL	\$135,991
HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST 1	VARNVILLE	SC	\$135,981
COOP ED SERVICE AGENCY 08	GILLETT	WI	\$133,109
CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL DIST	HOMER	LA	\$131,404
DEMING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	DEMING	NM	\$131,397
WEST OSO INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	\$131,256
MISSION CONS INDEP SCHOOL DIST	MISSION	TX	\$131,075
ONONDAGA-CRTLAND-MADISON BOCES	SYRACUSE	NY	\$130,943
SALINAS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIST	SALINAS	CA	\$130,929
PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	PIKEVILLE	KY	\$130,512
HATCH VALLEY MUN SCHOOL DIST	HATCH	NM	\$130,245
POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	POMONA	CA	\$130,170
SANTA ROSA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	SANTA ROSA	NM	\$129,133
RALEIGH COUNTY SCHOOLS	BECKLEY	WV	\$128,923
MODESTO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	MODESTO	CA	\$128,784
THE LIBRARY NETWORK	SOUTHGATE	MI	\$128,481
ANTIOCH UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST	ANTIOCH	CA	\$127,439
NORTH BERGEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	NORTH BERGEN	NJ	\$126,578
FREMONT UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	FREMONT	CA	\$125,100
DAYTON-MONTGOMERY COUNTY LIB	DAYTON	OH	\$124,590
TALLADEGA COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	TALLADEGA	AL	\$124,337
TUPELO SCHOOL DISTRICT	TUPELO	MS	\$123,011
ALIEF INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	HOUSTON	TX	\$122,922
OCM BOCES	SYRACUSE	NY	\$122,691
ULSTER COUNTY BOCES	NEW PALTZ	NY	\$122,665
PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCH DIST	WATSONVILLE	CA	\$121,496
MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	MERCEDES	TX	\$121,292
VENTURA UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	VENTURA	CA	\$121,212
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL DIST	LAFAYETTE	LA	\$121,166
ROCKLAND BOCES	WEST NYACK	NY	\$119,825
MONONGALIA COUNTY SCHOOLS	MORGANTOWN	WV	\$118,406

Funding Year 3 (cont)			
JACKSON-MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM	JACKSON	TN	\$117,959
ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	AMERICAN FORK	UT	\$116,809
LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	LODI	CA	\$115,997
CAJON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	EL CAJON	CA	\$115,633
MONTEBELLO UNIF SCHOOL DIST	MONTEBELLO	CA	\$114,940
YESHIVATH VIZNITZ D'KHAL TORATH CHAIM	MONSEY	NY	\$114,581
KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	SEATTLE	WA	\$114,151
CALHOUN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	ANNISTON	AL	\$113,778
MIAMI VALLEY ED COMP ASSN	YELLOW SPRINGS	OH	\$112,736
PLAQUEMINES PARISH SCH BOARD	PORT SULPHUR	LA	\$112,265
FLOWING WELLS SCHOOL DIST 8	TUCSON	AZ	\$111,818
MERCED UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIST	ATWATER	CA	\$111,776
WATERLOO COMM SCHOOL DISTRICT	WATERLOO	IA	\$110,051
BILOXI SCHOOL DISTRICT	BILOXI	MS	\$109,773
GLEN MILLS SCHOOLS	CONCORDVILLE	PA	\$109,551
SHASTA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION	REDDING	CA	\$107,807
EDUCATION SERV CTR-REGION 1	EDINBURG	TX	\$107,145
MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEM SCHOOL DIST	EL MONTE	CA	\$107,106
COLORADO CHRISTIAN HOME TENNYSON CENTER	DENVER	CO	\$107,104
WESLACO INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	WESLACO	TX	\$106,972
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	PASADENA	CA	\$106,639
CATTARAUGUS/ALLEGANY BOCES	OLEAN	NY	\$106,483
FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST	FALL RIVER	MA	\$105,729
BLADEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	ELIZABETHTOWN	NC	\$104,961
WILLIAM FLOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT	MASTIC BEACH	NY	\$104,654
ONENET	OKLAHOMA	OK	\$104,546
INTERMEDIATE UNIT 03	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$103,752
KERN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DIST	BAKERSFIELD	CA	\$103,573
ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT	CROWLEY	LA	\$103,379
BUTLER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	GREENVILLE	AL	\$103,200
MOSS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	MOSS POINT	MS	\$103,110
LIMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	LIMA	OH	\$103,016
BOGALUSA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	BOGALUSA	LA	\$102,781
VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	VISALIA	CA	\$102,771
EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	\$101,606
IRVINE UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	IRVINE	CA	\$101,598
WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	SAINT GEORGE	UT	\$101,289
PHIL D SWING SCHOOL	BRAWLEY	CA	\$101,137
SOUTHEAST LIBRARY SYSTEM	ROCHESTER	MN	\$100,864
ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	ANCHORAGE	AK	\$100,752
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DIST 200	WHEATON	IL	\$100,240



## E-RATE FUNDING COMMITMENTS

**FY2002; Q2**

(\$100,000 or more)

Applicant Name	City	State	Authorized
Funding Year 2			
ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	LUMBERTON	NC	\$1,295,500.50
FORT WAYNE COMM SCHOOL DIST	FORT WAYNE	IN	\$588,076.56
LIVINGSTON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	LIVINGSTON	CA	\$503,415.41
NORWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	NORWICH	CT	\$445,543.02
HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS	FISHERS	IN	\$403,867.30
GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	AGANA	GU	\$385,498.17
Funding Year 3			
ANAHEIM CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	ANAHEIM	CA	\$2,582,208.90
HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	HAYWARD	CA	\$444,980.14
YESHIVA ACHEI TMIMIM	WORCESTER	MA	\$348,254.12
BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	BEAUFORT	SC	\$335,765.95
PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT	PROVIDENCE	RI	\$326,059.92
INDIAN PRAIRIE C U DIST 204	AURORA	IL	\$287,806.72
ALTA VISTA ELEM SCHOOL DIST	PORTERVILLE	CA	\$228,364.20
BOCES EASTERN SUFFOLK	PATCHOGUE	NY	\$211,540.25
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DIST 300	CARPENTERSVILLE	IL	\$158,862.90
MID-MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL	LANSING	MI	\$150,479.17
PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY	PHOENIX	AZ	\$106,667.52

## ATTACHMENT B

### **SLD Begins to Send Funding Commitment Letters to Applicants Which Were Found to be Meritorious Appeals for Funding Years 1-3 and Out-of-the-Window Applicants Which Could Provide Opportunities for Vendors of Non-E-Rate Eligible Products and Services Where the BEAR Process Will be Used by Applicants**

Several hundred million dollars are in the process of being allocated to E-Rate applicants which have been notified by Funding Commitment Letters that their appeals from previous Funding Years 1-3 and “out-of-the-window” applications have been approved. Many of these districts and library applicants will have already purchased the eligible E-Rate products and services paying the prediscount price; hence, most will likely use the BEAR process (i.e. completing Form 472) and request that they receive checks rather than credits for the discount amounts. If they do so, they have the flexibility to purchase non-E-Rate eligible products and services -- such as computers to be used by teachers and students, software, technology-related staff development or other technology services -- or they may use the dollars to purchase other items or to return the dollars to the school districts general fund.

The best way to qualify a district is to gather information or answers to the following questions.

1. What office at the district level is responsible for E-Rate applications and is most likely to receive the Funding Commitment Letters?

The probability is greater that such funds will be used for some software, staff development, etc., if that office is the district instructional technology office; a lower probability, if that office is the district-level IT or management information systems office; and even less, if that office is responsible for building renovation and construction.

2. If the BEAR process is used and the applicant wishes to receive a check for the discounted amount, for what will these funds be used to purchase?

As noted three years ago in a TechMIS special report on E-Rate, finding answers to this question without raising political sensitivities is no mean task. One good approach is, if a potential customer

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wishes a vendor's product, have that school staff person (e.g., a principal, reading specialist, etc.) contact the E-Rate office and obtain such information. Principals can be very effective in arguing that the poverty rate in their schools was a major factor in determining the amount of refund the district received and that the principal/school should receive a portion of those funds.

For the first time, the SLD, which administers the E-Rate program, is making enough information public so that we have been able to combine searches of several SLD data sets to identify districts and other applicants which, since October 1, have been receiving Funding Commitment Letters for appeals which have been found to be "meritorious." Attached is a list of districts which have been sent, over the last two months, Funding Commitment Letters for \$100,000 or more which are likely to be allocated shortly. If the applicant has already purchased the product at the full price and will be requesting BEAR refunds, then this district could be a ripe candidate. If you have any questions, please contact me or Blair Curry directly.

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**E-RATE AUTHORIZATIONS**

**FY2002; Q1**

(\$100,000 or more)

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Authorized</b>
<b>Funding Year 1</b>			
BALDWIN PARK UNIF SCHOOL DIST	BALDWIN PARK	CA	\$1,126,295
SAN DIEGO CITY UNIF SCH DIST	SAN DIEGO	CA	\$308,039
WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL DIST	WHITEVILLE	NC	\$239,654
<b>Funding Year 2</b>			
CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	CLEVELAND	OH	\$5,331,815
MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	MEMPHIS	TN	\$3,288,905
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	HEMET	CA	\$2,329,200
BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	MONCKS CORNER	SC	\$1,671,073
SAVANNAH-CHATHAM CO PUBLIC	SAVANNAH	GA	\$1,656,175
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MIAMI	FL	\$1,609,134
GARLAND INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	GARLAND	TX	\$1,272,975
JAMESTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	JAMESTOWN	NY	\$1,214,408
HOUSTON INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	HOUSTON	TX	\$983,577
QUEENS BOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY	JAMAICA	NY	\$964,665
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM	ALBANY	GA	\$852,000
PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$820,711
FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	FAIRFAX	VA	\$805,967
ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 205	ROCKFORD	IL	\$787,845
MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	ROCKVILLE	MD	\$725,092
HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIF DIST	CITY OF INDUSTRY	CA	\$657,929
MUSKEGON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL	MUSKEGON	MI	\$653,721
MILPITAS UNIF SCHOOL DISTRICT	MILPITAS	CA	\$570,480
DINUBA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	DINUBA	CA	\$524,175
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	LOS ANGELES	CA	\$497,006
ERIE 1 BOCES	WEST SENECA	NY	\$489,012
SCHENECTADY CITY SCHOOL DIST	SCHENECTADY	NY	\$444,972
MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPT OF ED	JACKSON	MS	\$435,307
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MANASSAS	VA	\$392,768
LAKE ELSINORE UNIF SCHOOL DIST	LAKE ELSINORE	CA	\$351,408
ELBERT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	ELBERTON	GA	\$349,747
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH DIST	BATON ROUGE	LA	\$348,170
LIMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	LIMA	OH	\$335,252
PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS	LARGO	FL	\$319,696
ORANGEBURG CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT FIVE	ORANGEBURG	SC	\$312,450
DELAWARE COUNTY AVTS DISTRICT	MEDIA	PA	\$310,925
EDUCATION SERV CTR-REGION 1	EDINBURG	TX	\$301,436
PASADENA INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	PASADENA	TX	\$294,874
GLADES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	MOORE HAVEN	FL	\$290,441
EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCH DIST	EL MONTE	CA	\$282,935
SUPERIOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	SUPERIOR	WI	\$275,593
DUNELAND SCHOOL CORP	CHESTERTON	IN	\$265,700
LEON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	TALLAHASSEE	FL	\$251,481
SOMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	SOMERVILLE	MA	\$240,463
<b>Funding Year 2 (cont)</b>			
DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MIAMI	FL	\$233,052
MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 1	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	\$212,105
ALBANY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	ALBANY	NY	\$208,815

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WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	DEFUNIAK SPRINGS	FL	\$201,708
MARION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	LEBANON	KY	\$198,639
BUFFALO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	BUFFALO	NY	\$196,653
TARRYTOWN UNION FREE SCH DIST	SLEEPY HOLLOW	NY	\$195,000
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DIST 1	COLUMBIA	SC	\$194,093
SANTA CRUZ VALLEY SCH DIST 35	RIO RICO	AZ	\$191,407
UNITED TALMUDICAL ACADEMY	BROOKLYN	NY	\$179,359
GOGEBIC ONTONAGON I S D	BERGLAND	MI	\$178,421
CORPUS CHRISTI INDEP SCH DIST	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	\$175,000
DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL	DUARTE	CA	\$173,207
MAGNOLIA INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	MAGNOLIA	TX	\$172,869
FORT OSAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT R 1	INDEPENDENCE	MO	\$170,709
OSCEOLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	KISSIMMEE	FL	\$167,247
HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT 1J	HILLSBORO	OR	\$163,580
CITRUS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	INVERNESS	FL	\$162,878
IBERIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	NEW IBERIA	LA	\$160,822
ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY	BALTIMORE	MD	\$159,972
GASTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	GASTONIA	NC	\$152,418
OWEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	OWENTON	KY	\$152,298
NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL	MILWAUKEE	WI	\$150,760
MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	MIAMI	FL	\$146,804
HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT	HAZLETON	PA	\$138,377
FOUR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	VESTAL	NY	\$131,677
ROXANA SCHOOL DISTRICT 1	ROXANA	IL	\$131,206
EAST GREENBUSH CTRL SCH DIST	EAST GREENBUSH	NY	\$131,165
ROYAL OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DUARTE	CA	\$130,004
MANSFIELD INDEP SCHOOL DIST	MANSFIELD	TX	\$129,881
LAKELAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE	GRAND RAPIDS	MI	\$129,600
BANNEKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CHICAGO	IL	\$129,012
DE KALB INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	DE KALB	TX	\$128,156
HARDIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	ELIZABETHTOWN	KY	\$127,174
NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT	LANSDALE	PA	\$126,111
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED CLUSTER 16	LOS ANGELES	CA	\$124,223
OUR LADY GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL	CHICAGO	IL	\$122,328
NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	BROOKLYN	NY	\$120,699
HILLSBOROUGH CO SCHOOL DIST	TAMPA	FL	\$115,781
METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	NASHVILLE	TN	\$113,662
HERITAGE CHARTER SCHOOL	IRVING	TX	\$111,091
BROWARD COUNTY DIV OF LIBS	FT. LAUDERDALE	FL	\$108,154
LONG BRANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT	LONG BRANCH	NJ	\$106,899
COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DIST	LAKE CITY	FL	\$106,329
NILES TOWNSHIP H S DIST 219	SKOKIE	IL	\$105,370
WAUBUN SCHOOL DISTRICT 435	WAUBUN	MN	\$105,359
BAKER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	MACCLENNY	FL	\$104,644
SAULT STE MARIE SCHOOL DIST	SAULT STE MARIE	MI	\$102,583
OHR ELIYAHU ACADEMY	CULVER CITY	CA	\$101,413
Funding Year 3			
GEORGIA STATE DEPT OF EDUCATION	ATLANTA	GA	\$2,808,000
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DIST 200	WHEATON	IL	\$111,815