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Educational Technology Monthly Call

January 12, 2023

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Agenda

- Digital Learning Updates
- Cybersecurity
- Emergency Connectivity Fund, E-Rate, and ACP
- Important Reminders and Other Information

Suggested participants
for this call:

- ■ Chief Technology Officers
- ■ Information Technology Staff
- ■ E-Rate Coordinators
- ■ Privacy Coordinators
- ■ Digital or Virtual Learning Staff

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Digital Learning Updates

K-12 Computer Science Education Engagement Opportunity

The Department is currently seeking feedback to inform the work within computer science education in our state. Educators can be involved by registering for one of the upcoming listening sessions in January. Educators teaching and supporting grades **K-12 with any level of experience with computer science** are encouraged to participate.

Remaining listening sessions:
- K12 Teacher Listening Session: 1/12/23 4:30pm-5:30pm
- Industry Professionals Listening Session: 1/13/23 10:00am-11:00am
- Higher Ed/Teacher Preparation Provers: 1/18/23 2:30pm-3:30pm

During the listening sessions, participants will:
- explore possible guidance for developing Computer Science standards and
- share thoughts on professional learning possibilities for 6-12 teachers in computer science.

Please contact STEM@la.gov with questions.

Cyber.org Technology Grant Program

Cyber.org's technology grant program is designed to support teachers and qualified extracurricular programs to provide cyber education to K-12 students across the United States. While grant applications can be submitted continuously throughout the year, the Spring application period's deadline is **March 15**, and awards will be given in April.

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Student/Teacher Social Engineering Workshop Opportunities

The CARE Lab is hosting in a number of events Spring/Summer 2023 as part of NSF Award # 2032292.

1. Free virtual Social Engineering Workshop for Educators on Saturday, February 25th, 2023. Applications are being accepted until Friday, January 20th, 2023 at 12pm ET.
2. Free virtual 12-week after-school training program for high school students in Spring 2023 on Thursdays from 3.30pm-4.30pm ET via zoom.
3. Summer Social Engineering Event is happening virtually in May/June of 2023. Theme is inspired by the 2021 FTC report, which stated that the financial losses stemming from scams in 2021 alone were $547 million. Representatives from CISA, NICE, AARP, and PBGC are working on the Advisory Board and during the live competition. Applications will open in February and are due April 29th, 2023

Doodle for Google

The submission portal for Google's annual [Doodle for Google](#) will open January 11. Winners are chosen from each state with the opportunity to be recognized on Google's home page, Google hardware, and a college scholarship.

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E-Rate,
Affordable Connectivity Program
and
Emergency Connectivity Fund

FY 2023 Application Window & Entity Updates

The FY 2023 Form 471 application window will open on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 12:00 noon EST, and will close on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

Applicants will need to update their EPC entity profiles before the close of the Administrative Window that is scheduled for Monday, January 16th at 11:59 p.m. EST. Once the Administrative Window is closed, entity profiles will be locked for the duration of the application window unless changed during PIA review.

First-time E-Rate Filers

New applicants or users to the E-Rate program will need a user account setup in USAC's applicant and service provider portal, [E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC)](). Additionally to main security access, a login and password for One Portal, USAC's multi-factor authentication security system will need to be created. New applicants/users can call USAC's Customer Service Center (CSC) at (888) 203-8100 for assistance in setting up your organization's EPC profile and your account administrator.

NOTE: Google Chrome is the recommended browser for EPC, but no matter which browser you use, be sure the latest version is installed on your computer.

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FY 2023 Category Two (C2) Budgets

FY2023 is the third year of the current five-year C2 budget cycle. Budgets are fixed over the five-year cycle and apply at the school district or library system level. If you requested C2 funding in FY2021 or FY2022 and your student counts or library square footage have increased, you can request a C2 budget recalculation.

FY 2023 Form 470

It is time to begin the competitive bidding process by filing your FCC Form 470 for new contracted equipment and services if your school system has not done so yet. Applicants must wait at least 28 days after filing a FCC Form 470 before entering into an agreement with the selected service provider(s) and filing a FCC Form 471 application(s).

Applicants should review the Eligible Services List for guidance on the eligibility of products and services for FY2023.

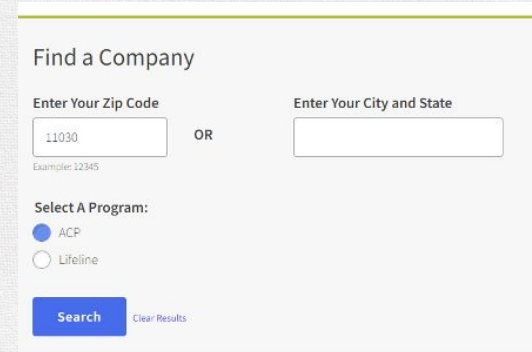# E-Rate Important Dates and Reminders

- Upcoming Form 486 Deadlines
    - Jan. 13 - Wave 22
    - Jan. 20 - Wave 23
    - Jan. 27 - Wave 24
- **January 16 -** Close of the Administrative Window; last chance to update EPC entity profiles for FY 2023. Thereafter, entity profiles will be locked until the close of the Form 471 application window.
- **January 18 -** Opening of the FY 2023 application window.
- **February 13 -** Comments due on requests to allow the use of E-rate funds for advanced or next generation firewalls and/or other network security services (DA 22 1315). Reply comments are due March 30th.
- **February 28 -** Last possible date to file a Form 470 for FY 2023 in order to: (a) meet the 28-day posting period; (b) close the bidding process and select the winning bidder(s); (c) sign any necessary contract(s); and (d) file the Form 471 application(s), all on the last day of the application window..
- **March 28 -** Closing of the FY 2023 application window at 10:59 CST/11:59 p.m. EDT.

ECF for 2021-2023

Total commitments for all three ECF windows are $6.47 billion. Nationwide, USAC has funded 79.4% of the ECF applications representing 65.4% of the requested funding. Window 3 applications are now being funded down to the 75% rural band; Window 3 applications in the 65% rural band are currently under review. Total disbursements as of last Friday remain $2.56 billion.

USAC's Affordable Connectivity Program Service Provider Tool

The Affordable Connectivity Program ("ACP") was established to provide a mechanism for low-income families to establish or maintain low- or no-cost home internet services. To assist families in finding ACP-discounted services, the FCC has developed an extensive **ACP Consumer Outreach Toolkit** and released new **Companies Near Me** tool to help consumers find providers that offer service in their area. The tool utilizes a simple search screen; however it does yield a large number of home internet services in addition to nationwide mobile providers. Users may need to download and sort / filter the list in order clearly identify the type of service they are looking for (e.g. mobile vs home internet; $0 with ACP, etc.).

Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code
11030
Example: 12345

OR

Enter Your City and State

Select A Program:
● ACP
○ Lifeline

Search   Clear Results

Reminders and Other Information

2022-2023 Education Technology Webinar and Office Hours

Slides from each meeting will be posted on the Educational Technology Leaders website. Recordings are available on request. A complete calendar of LDOE events can be found on the Louisiana Believes website.

Monthly Call Dates
January 12, 2023
February 9, 2023
March 9, 2023
April 13, 2023
May 11, 2023
June - Meet at LaCUE TLS
July - No Call

Time:	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Webinar Link	https://ldoe.zoom.us/j/575223228?pwd=NDNlN01SS3c0Rk4wV25aNkZhTEc2Zz09
Phone Number	1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID	Meeting ID: 575 223 228 Password: 2020-202!

Office Hours Dates
January 26, 2023
February 23, 2023
March 23, 2023
April 27, 2023
May - No office hours
June - Meet at LaCUE TLS
July - No office hours

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Thank you for joining today's call.

Schedules, access links, and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the LDOE Weekly Newsletter and LDOE School System Support Calendar.

Helpful Links

- A+PEL PD for Educators
- LACUE
- Louisiana Believes Homepage
- School Improvement Library

Support Toolboxes

- Teacher
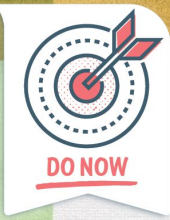- System
- Principal
- Counselor
- Education Technology Staff

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Reminders and Repeats

Reminder: Technology Contacts

- To ensure continuous and effective communication, Educational Technology is requesting updated contact information for Education Technology leaders and IT leaders for school systems.
- Submit this form to update contact information.

Contact digitallearning@la.gov with questions.