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Hi Everyone,

At our rollout meeting for the Wireless Classroom Initiative several questions were raised concerning the qualified vendor list to be posted and the upcoming USAC deadline for projects eligible for Priority Two E-Rate Funding. We have also received phone calls from some of you to discuss this issue. Provided with this email is guidance on the topic as follows:

Guidance for Schools Applying for Priority Two funding with USAC

RIDE recognizes that schools need to file a 471 application with USAC by March 14, 2013 and that this deadline may not allow for these schools to comply with the requirements set forth in the Wireless Classroom Initiative (WCI).

Therefore, schools requesting Priority Two funding should follow these steps:

- 1) Proceed forward following the process for E-Rate Priority 2 funding as you would in any other year. Do not wait for the posting of RIDE's qualified vendor list. Use the vendor(s) that you selected following the prescribed process for E-Rate funding;
- 2) Once you have filed your application, notify RIDE of the filing via the wireless initiative email box (wirelessinitiative@ride.ri.gov);
- 3) When the State's Master Price Agreement with the list of Qualified Vendors is posted, check to see if your selected vendor(s) are on the MPA for the Wireless Classroom Initiative:
 - If the vendor is on the list, send them a copy of our site survey summary template from our website <http://www.ride.ri.gov/RIDE/docs/techbond/default.aspx> along with a copy of the vendor instructions and ask them to return the completed template to us; or
 - If the vendor is not on the qualified list, contact one vendor from the MPA for this project and request that they conduct a site survey of your schools as outlined on the vendor instructions.
 - The additional site survey need not hold up the USAC application, but will be used for WCI Grant Award purposes.

- 4) WCI Grant Awards will include terms and conditions which require that RIDE receive reimbursement from the LEA for any project ultimately funded by E-Rate which was included in the WCI Grant Award. Any local share portion of Priority Two funded projects will be paid by RIDE, for wireless access in instructional areas up to baseline standards.

I hope that this helps to clarify the process for those of you making application for Priority Two E-Rate Funding. If you have further questions, please contact us using the project email address at wirelessinitiative@ride.ri.gov

Thanks,

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