



G2G Fall 2019

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Public and Tribal Schools



Two Broadband Stories

Librarian and her joy of being able to download a MARC record

Student at Walatowa Charter School told FCC Chairman Ajit Pai about the personal impact of having high speed Internet in her school

Three public schools on tribal land have improved Internet access because tribes and school district worked for improved education for kids in the pueblos

Think about the impact in your
communities

E-Rate is a reimbursement program

One of 4 universal service programs

- Schools and Libraries
- Rural Health
- High Cost
- Lifeline

Who is eligible?

Tribal Schools and Libraries

Discounts determined by percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch program

Competitive bidding and you choose the most cost effective solution with price being the most heavily weighted

E-Rate modernization of 2014

Fiber special construction is eligible for funding

Tribal school or consortium with a 90% discount level is eligible for another 5% from the program with a state or tribal match

Working with Navajo DODE

- Two state solution of Arizona and New Mexico
- RFPs will be issued in early December
- Two RFPs because vendors may be different in the two states
- Tribe is working on a long term broadband strategy
- State is a partner

Review

- Competitive bidding
- Choose the most cost-effective solution
- If you have a tribal telco, the rule about cost effective solution still rules
- Plan on adding extra capacity, either self-provisioned or work with selected vendor
- Seek alternative funding streams for extra capacity

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