

The E-rate Modernization Order Adopts Three Goals for the E-rate Program (Order ¶¶ 22-62)

1. Goal 1: Ensuring Affordable Access to High-Speed Broadband in Schools and Libraries (Order ¶¶ 26-49)
 - i) Internet Access (Order ¶¶ 34-38)
 - (1) Adopts SETDA bandwidth targets
 - ii) WAN/Last-Mile (Order ¶¶ 39-44)
 - (1) Adopts a WAN connectivity target
 - iii) Internal Connections (Order ¶¶ 45-47)
 - (1) Survey of schools and libraries is best method to gauge sufficiency of internal connections
 - (2) \$1 Billion Target for Category Two Services
 - (3) Increasing the Minimum Contribution Rate for Category Two Services
 - (4) Establishes Budgets for Category Two Services
 - (5) Services Eligible for Category Two Support
 - (a) Internal Connections
 - (b) Basic Maintenance
 - (c) Managed Wi-Fi
 - (6) Phasing Down and Ending Support for Legacy Services
 - (a) Phasing Down Support for Voice Services
 - (b) Eliminating Support for Telephone Features, Outdated Services, and Non-Broadband Services
2. Goal 2: Maximizing the Cost-Effectiveness of E-rate Spending (Order ¶¶ 50-54)
 - i) Increasing Pricing Transparency
 - ii) Encouraging Consortia and Bulk Purchasing
3. Goal 3: Making the E-rate Application Process and Other E-rate Processes Fast, Simple and Efficient (Order ¶¶ 55-62)

- i) Simplifying the Application Process
 - (1) Streamlining the Application Process for Multi-Year Contracts
 - (2) Eliminating the Technology Plan Requirements
 - (3) Exempting Certain Commercially Available High-Speed Broadband Services From Competitive Bidding
 - (4) Easing the Signed Contract Requirement
 - (5) Requiring Electronic Filing of Documents
 - (6) Enabling Direct Connections Between Schools and Libraries
- ii) Simplifying Discount Rate Calculations
 - (1) Adopting District-wide Discount Rates
 - (2) Updating the Definition of "Rural"
 - (3) NSLP Community Eligibility Provision
 - (4) Modifying the Requirement for Using School-Wide Income Surveys
- iii) Simplifying the Invoicing and Disbursement Processes
- iv) Extending E-rate Document Retention and Inspection Requirements
- v) Tribal Consultation, Training, and Outreach Program
- vi) Requiring the Filing of Appeals with USAC
- vii) Additional Measures to Improve the Administration of the E-rate Program
 - (1) specific application review and funding commitment target for all category one funding requests;
 - (2) the modernization of USAC's E-rate Information Technology systems;
 - (3) a requirement for the publishing of all non-confidential E-rate data in open, electronic formats; and
 - (4) directions to USAC to make its communications simpler and clearer