



Emergency Connectivity Fund Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Affirmation

Valley TeleCom Group is participating in the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), a \$7.17 billion, federally funded, program that will help schools and libraries close the Homework Gap by providing funding for the reasonable costs of laptop and tablet computers; WiFi hotspots; modems; routers and broadband connectivity purchase for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ECF allows for participating schools and libraries to seek reimbursement for eligible service and equipment either directly from the government (BEAR invoicing method) or by requesting that the serviced provider invoice the government (SPI invoicing method). Valley TeleCom Group is participating in the SPI invoicing method for this program.

If request to do so by the school or library, Valley TeleCom is willing to invoice the federal government rather than the school or library for payment. You must specify at the application stage which invoicing method you would like to use. If your school or library would like to use the SPI invoicing method, you must also submit evidence of Valley TeleCom's willingness, and may use this statement as an affirmation that Valley TeleCom is participating in SPI when completing your Form 471. We affirm our willingness to participate in the SPI invoicing method subject to the following:

Prior to the start of service and receipt of equipment, if any, Customer who select the SPI invoicing method will enter into and execute an applicable Valley TeleCom services contract for the provision of ECF broadband connectivity services. Valley TeleCom will file the SPI Form to request reimbursement for the discountable amounts of the ECF eligible equipment and services. Customer is responsible for all charges related to any ineligible equipment and services or service obtained but not contained in the description of the service commitment request or decision. Until the Universal Service Administration Co. (USAC) has issued a funding commitment, Customer agrees to pay the balance in full as billed by Valley TeleCom. Customer must elect SPI to be billed only the non-discounted portion. Customer account credits applied may be estimates subject to true-up in a later billing period. Customer is responsible for all charges incurred until and unless ECF funding is approved and disbursed by USAC, at which time Customer will remain responsible for all ineligible service, feature charges, and any other ECF program amounts unfunded, including equipment. Also, Customers who choose the SPI invoicing method should be aware that if ECF funding ends before the term of their services contract, they will be subject to the agreed rate of service for the remainder of the contract, net of any subsidy.

For more information about ECF, please refer to the FCC ECF or USAC ECF websites.

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