

## **All Arizona Schools & Erate Vendors,**

Thank you for your participation Tuesday in the Erate session! At one point we had 90 participants!

Link to the session:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ch4ZyBjiB7EMVqUjFnfh\\_9jQqGHNYWNCHqqCiWeLHTUjhYdour4po2W98d4iFYKC.a9iniusvxrEBQax8](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ch4ZyBjiB7EMVqUjFnfh_9jQqGHNYWNCHqqCiWeLHTUjhYdour4po2W98d4iFYKC.a9iniusvxrEBQax8)

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### **Questions and Answers during the session:**

#### **What's the deadline for responding to the "Office of Digital Teaching and Learning?**

*Midnight December 15, 2021. It could possibly be extended. Check with [odtl@azed.gov](mailto:odtl@azed.gov). Remember, this department was created to help you succeed and strive to be an asset and tool for your success!*

#### **Can we get a copy of the PowerPoint used today?**

*Yes, it is located at: <http://www.broadband4arizona.com/in-the-news.html>*

#### **How are vendors notified?**

*Vendors are notified by you posting a Form 470 to the USAC website. Vendors that sell Erate services know to check for Form 470's on a regular basis and some subscribe to a service that sends them an email as services are posted that meet their requirements.*

#### **If a customer doesn't ask for a piece of equipment, is it still Erate eligible?**

*No. If it is not requested on the Form 470, you cannot ask for it on the Form 471 or later. When you request a "Service" it's expected that the vendor include all the items needed to provide the "service". For Category 2, make sure to include all the items to make the network work (GBIC, patch cables, etc...).*

#### **Do we need an RFP if we are only asking for internet services, not construction?**

*No. Erate doesn't require an RFP but your district may require one. If requesting Special Construction and RFP is required if you will be requesting State Match Funding.*

#### **What's the filing timeframe?**

*The Form 470 window opened June 1, 2021 and will remain open until the Form 471 window is announced. The Form 471 opening has yet to be announced by the FCC.*

#### **Does electronic documentation suffice?**

*Yes. All Erate documentation must be kept for 10 years. It is acceptable to keep in an electronic format.*

#### **Where on the Erate website do we update our bandwidth / speed?**

Take a look at page 23 of the presentation:

- *Log into EPC*
- *Under “Related Actions”*
- *Manage Connectivity Questions*
- *Select ethernet for connection type then you’ll be able to accurately update the speed*

**What is the process for disposing of equipment paid for with Erate funds?**

<https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/before-youre-done/disposal-or-trade-in-of-equipment/>

Thanks,

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