

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES PROGRAM

# NEWS BRIEF

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**TIP OF THE WEEK:** When you use the [View 471 Status tool](#), remember to look for the status of each form at the top of your search results, to the right of the application number and applicant form identifier. The table below your search results contains an explanation of each status.

## Commitments for Funding Years 2014 and 2013

**Funding Year 2014.** USAC will release Funding Year (FY) 2014 Wave 17 Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) on September 5. This wave includes commitments for approved Priority 1 (Telecommunications Services and Internet Access) requests at all discount levels. As of August 29, FY2014 commitments total over \$1.79 billion.

**Funding Year 2013.** USAC will release FY2013 Wave 64 FCDLs on September 4. This wave includes commitments for approved Priority 1 requests at all discount levels. As of August 29, FY2013 commitments total over \$2.11 billion.

On the day the FCDLs are mailed, you can check to see if you have a commitment by using USAC's [Automated Search of Commitments](#) tool.

## USAC Names Chris Henderson as CEO

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Henderson as Chief Executive Officer. Henderson will assume his new position effective September 3, 2014.

Henderson began his career in investment banking and private equity, where he spent fifteen years, before joining the Mayor of Denver's senior management team as Chief Operating Officer (COO). He then served as Senior Advisor to Secretary Salazar at the U.S. Department of the Interior where he led the Department's administration of \$3 billion in Recovery Act funds and reorganization of the Minerals Management Service following the Gulf oil spill. Most recently, Henderson served as Director/Chief Operating Officer at ASI Government, a provider of consulting services to the federal government. Henderson received a BA in Political Science, summa cum laude, from the University of Colorado and an MBA from Columbia University in New York.

Dr. Brian Talbott, Chair of the USAC Board of Directors, stated, "Chris brings to USAC over twenty years of experience and leadership in both the private and public sectors. Chris's unique combination of proven leadership, experiences, and history of delivering successful outcomes in complex environments makes him an excellent fit to lead USAC. We're delighted to welcome Chris as USAC's new CEO and a member of the USAC Board of Directors."

Henderson's selection comes after the USAC Board of Directors conducted a nationwide search. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler approved the USAC Board's unanimous nomination of Chris Henderson as USAC CEO on August 26, 2014.

[E-rate Modernization Order: List of Topics](#)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted the [E-rate Modernization Order](#) on July 11, 2014. The Order takes major steps to modernize and streamline the E-rate program and focuses on expanding funding for Wi-Fi networks in eligible elementary and secondary schools and libraries across America.

In the coming weeks, we will be providing additional information on topics of interest from the Order. The topics covered will include:

- Category One and Category Two
- Category Two five-year pre-discount budgets
- Calculating discounts
- Urban/rural status
- Eligible services
- Program forms
- Appeals
- Invoicing and deadline extension requests
- Document retention

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