



# Welcome to MiCTA

## Learn about MiCTA's National E- Rate Program

# MiCTA Member

## National E-Rate Program

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# MiCTA Membership

- Any Non-Profit K-12/Library in the country can join MiCTA
- No cost for 1<sup>st</sup> year membership fee
- Note: Before Proceeding it is important for you to understand that you “Must” become a MiCTA Member before you file a 471 using any of the MiCTA E-Rate 470’s and/or Approved Contracts
- Join MiCTA at [www.mictatech.org](http://www.mictatech.org)
  - Click on “Join MiCTA” link top left of home page
  - Indicate if you are a new Member
    - Joining for MiCTA E-Rate
  - Receive email confirmation and membership number + 1<sup>st</sup> year annual membership fee invoice stamped “waived”

# 4 Active National Multi-Year 470's

- P1 – 347930001142588
  - Certified through 2019
    - Covers all eligible Telecom/Internet Services
- P2 – 92064000114283
  - Certified through 2019
    - Covers all eligible Internal Connections/Managed Services/Basic Maintenance
- Category 1 – 336900001242047
  - Certified through 2020
    - Lit/Dark Fiber, Fiber Build-Out Services
- Category2 – 720720001337271
  - Certified through 2020
    - DAS Products and Services

# Mini - Bid

- Why is it needed?
  - Because MiCTA is a National Organization it provides its E-Rate members the option of multiple MSA's (Master Service Agreements)
- What is required
  - If the service you are seeking is provided by multiple MiCTA Vendors you should make sure you have evaluated your choice of a vendor based on the best product pricing/service/value offering for you – USAC requests that this process is documented

# MiCTA Provides Information on MSA's To USAC

- During your 471 Filing PIA Review MiCTA will provide any MiCTA 470 process/procedure document required by your PIA
- At your request MiCTA will engage directly with your PIA to resolve issues
- MiCTA retains all 470 process documentation (available to you if you are audited)

Note: Per the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau "Under current FCC E-Rate rules K-12's and Libraries who were members of a Consortium at the time that Consortium files a Form 470(s) can use that 470(s) on their 471(s) without having to bid." "All Contracts awarded through the process are Approved for use by those members." Further, under current rules any E-Rate eligible K-12 or Library who was not a member when the listed 470's were filed can still join MiCTA and consider any of MiCTA's eligible contracts as standing bids and use one or more on their own 471(s).

A listing of these "Eligible" MiCTA K-12/Library members for MiCTA's (4) 470's (2 TISA), (1 Fiber) and (1 DAS) and all related Eligible MiCTA vendors can be found here:

<http://www.mictatech.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=1548>



# MSA's Cover all Eligible Products/Services

- The combined request for Services/Products relative to MiCTA's 4 Active Certified National 470's cover all Eligible Products and Services contained in the FCC 2018 Eligible Services List
- Note: The FCC in its 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Modernization Orders made several critical changes to the "2015/16 Eligible Services List's"
  - 1. Equalized funding for both Lit/Dark Fiber
  - 2. Clarified "Antennas" as Eligible
  - 3. Allows applicants starting with the 2016 ESL to construct their own or portions of their own fiber networks in cases where no other option exists
  - 4a. Suspends policy requiring amortization over multiple years of upfront charges for special construction exceeding \$500,000 for next four years beginning 2016
  - 4b. Allows applicants to pay the non-discounted share of Category One special construction charges up to (4) years
  - 5. Raises E-Rate Funding Cap to 3.9 Billion annually adding 1 billion for Wi-Fi
  - 6. Establishes \$150 per student less discount budget approach funding of Wi-Fi Category 2 up to 5 years through 2019 (Funding floor is \$9,200 per school)
  - 7. Establishes that funding for Managed Internal Broadband Services for WI-FI is eligible
  - 8. Discount rate now averaged on aggregate of all schools in district

# All 470's Request Discounts

- MiCTA has requested pricing discounts on its 4 current Certified 470's
- That means that You have the option of either discount process:
  - SPI (Service Provider Invoice) Form 474 Sent to USAC by the SP to Obtain the Discount
  - BEAR (Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement) Form 472 Sent to USAC by the Applicant to Obtain the Discount



# Changes to MSA's

- Per language contained in the current MiCTA Certified National 470's: "Due to Evolving Technology and Potential Price Reductions, MiCTA Reserves the Right to Amend the resulting Contracts Over Their Term"
- MiCTA's MSA's (Master Service Agreements) are all "Living Documents" providing you our E-Rate Members with access to the most current technology and aggressive pricing.

# RFP Process/Vendor Options

- With the support of the MiCTA Board and its Membership, MiCTA files its 470's in concert with its own internal RFP process assuring the pricing/service/product value made available to You our E-Rate Members is based on the full buying power of the entire organization.
- As a national organization, we mirror our internal and E-Rate 470 MSA's (Master Service Agreement) negotiations to provide multiple vendor options, when possible, assuring our E-Rate Members across the country receive the best possible pricing for your respective service/product choices.

# Member 471 Block 5 Information

- 12. Form 470 Application Number
  - Priority 1 (Category One)- 347930001142588
    - Covers all eligible Telecomm/Internet Services
  - Priority 2- (Now Category Two) 920640001142839
    - Covers all eligible Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections
    - Note: if you have your own 470 number and wish to use it please insert that number in #12 above and related Allowable Contract information to assist your PIA in the evaluation of your 471 request(s) (Follow all other information given below)
  - Priority 1 – 336900001242047
    - Covers Lit/Dark Fiber and Self-constructed Networks
  - Priority Two – 720720001337271
    - Covers Distributive Antenna Systems
- 15b Contract Number
  - Number that appears on the Service Agreement provided by your MiCTA vendor which references the specific MiCTA MSA

# 471 Block 5 Cont.

- 15c Funding Request Under a Third Party MSA
  - Check the box
- 17 Allowable Vendor Selection/Contract Date
  - If you use P1 (now Category One) Number 347930001142588 **12/7/2013**
  - If you use P2 (now Category Two) Number 920640001142839 **12/7/2013**
  - If you use Cat 1 336900001242047 **10/7/2014**
  - If you use Cat 2 720720001337271 **2/26/2015**
- 18 Contract Award Date
  - Date You sign the MiCTA Member Participation Contract

# 471 Block 5 Cont.

- 19 Service Start Date
  - July 1 of Funding Year
- 20a Service End Date
  - June 30th of Following Year
- 20b Contract Expiration Date
  - Date MiCTA Member Participation Contract signed by You Ends (May be multi-year) All MiCTA MSA's provide multi-year commitments
- Attachment 21 Description of Services Requested
  - Must be Filed Before the Close of 471 Filing Window
- 22 Entities Receiving this service(s)
  - a. Site Specific/Single Entity Listed on Block 4
  - b. Shared by All/ Multiple Entities listed on Block 4

# E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC)

- Created by USAC and deployed in July 2015
- Is the Account and Management Portal for the Schools and Libraries Program
- Used by Applicants and Service Providers
- Please go here for EPC video tutorials  
<http://www.mictatech.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&pageId=1417>
- MiCTA members please add (or have added by your consultant) your school district or library to the MiCTA Landing Page
- PIA's will be accessing the MiCTA Landing Page to determine if your school or library is a MiCTA member

# Contact Information

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