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# 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”

# 3 Active National Multi-Year 470's

- Category 1 – 336900001242047
  - Certified through 2020
    - Lit/Dark Fiber, Fiber Build-Out Services
- Category 2 – 720720001337271
  - Certified through 2020
    - DAS Products & Services
- Category 1 & 2 - 190000037
  - Certified through 2023
    - Broadband Internal Connections, Managed Internal Services & Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

# 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 though all MiCTA 470's have been sent to the FCC and USAC." 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 (3) 470's (1 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 3 Active Certified National 470's cover all Eligible Products and Services contained in the FCC 2019 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 3 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.

# 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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