

Filing Forms 470 and 471 for Internet Access: TEACH (BadgerNet) Customers

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Overview

- Review State Contracts
 - BadgerNet Circuit/Transport
 - Internet Service
- Filing for Internet Service Only
- Review Application Timeline

TEACH, BadgerNet Definitions

- BadgerNet
 - Wisconsin statewide broadband network for schools and libraries
- TEACH
 - Program administered by DOA to subsidize access to BadgerNet
 - TEACH charges \$250/month for a 1 Gbps connection
 - TEACH charges \$100/month for any bandwidth < 1 Gbps
 - TEACH does not subsidize cost of internet access over BadgerNet
 - For all questions about TEACH and BadgerNet contact:
 - Matt Yeakey, TEACH program administrator
(teach@wisconsin.gov -- or -- 608-261-5054)

Filing for E-rate on TEACH/BadgerNet

- BadgerNet data circuit (transport)
 - TEACH has filed the Form 470
 - TEACH will file the Form 471
 - Schools and libraries don't have to file any E-rate forms!
- Internet access over BadgerNet
 - TEACH has filed a 470 for internet access but **DPI recommends schools and libraries file their own 470 now**, because the state ISP contracts are not yet signed
 - We will notify schools and libraries when the contracts are published.
 - Schools and libraries must file their own Form 471 for Internet Access

Internet Service on BadgerNet

- New: BadgerNet allows applicant's choice of internet service providers
- For E-rate FY 2023, schools and libraries will:
 - *Option 1:* Select an ISP from state contract, conduct mini-bid evaluation process, file Form 471 to request funding (use State's 470: 230001681)
(Note: this assumes the state contract will be signed by Feb 1)
-- OR --
 - *Option 2:* File Form 470 for internet service only, follow E-rate rules for bid evaluation, file Form 471 to request funding
- When filing Form 471, give July 1, 2023, as service start date

Option 1: Using State ISP Contracts

- The state will have contracts with three providers for ISPs on BadgerNet
 - Providers are: ATT, Lumen, and WiscNet
- No need to file a Form 470, but you must conduct a “[mini-bid evaluation](#)” of the three providers to justify your choice.
- File a Form 471* to request funding for the provider you chose
- Stay tuned for pricing and Form 471 filing guidance

* On your 471, use the 470 TEACH filed: #230001681

Option 2: *Not* Using State ISP Contracts

- File your own Form 470 for ISP options in addition to ATT, Lumen, or WiscNet
 - Indicate in the Form 470 narrative that this is for internet service only, with transport provided on BadgerNet
 - Choose from among the bids received in response to your 470
 - Justify your choice using a bid evaluation matrix (see slides 8 and 9)
 - File a Form 471* to request funding for the service you chose

* On your 471, reference the 470 you filed

USAC Bid Evaluation Sample Criteria*

Factor	Weight
Price of eligible products and services	30%
Prior experience with provider	25%
Personnel qualifications	20%
Management capability	15%
Local vendor	10%
Total	100%

* For more information, see:
<https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/selecting-service-providers/how-to-construct-an-evaluation>

USAC Bid Evaluation Matrix - Example

FACTOR	POINTS AVAILABLE	VENDOR 1	VENDOR 2	VENDOR 3
Price of the eligible products and services	50*	20	50	40
Prior experience with the vendor	25	25	0	25
Prices for ineligible services and products	15	10	5	15
Local or in-state vendor	10	10	0	0
TOTAL	100	65	55	80

*This number must be higher than all other numbers in the same column.

List of Disqualified Bidders

- **Vendor 4**

Reason for disqualification: All interested bidders received two weeks' notice of a required pre-bid conference. Vendor 4 did not attend this conference and did not provide a reason for their absence.

Note: Vendor #3 has the most points but is *not the lowest cost*.

Application Timeline

- **January 16, 2023**
 - Last day for applicants to update their EPC Profile lunch numbers and enrollment information with DPI posted data
- **February 28, 2023**
 - Last day to file Form 470 to start the minimum 28 day competitive bidding process. We recommend that you file by February 1
- **January 18, 2023 - March 28, 2023**
 - Form 471 Filing Window
- **July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**
 - Funding Year 2023 Internet Service Dates

Where to Get Help

- USAC Client Services Bureau Phone Number & Online Form
 - SLD website: <http://www.usac.org/sl/>
 - Client Service Bureau: 888-203-8100
- If you get PIA Review Questions: Provide requested documentation and communicate with the reviewer via the EPC Portal; contact DPI if needed
- USAC [Short Video](#) Series
- USAC School & Library Division [Webinar Series](#)

Thank You

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