

Send Date: February 27, 2023

Audience: E-rate Listserv

Subject: Form 471 Details for TEACH Customers Using State Contracts

To the Wisconsin E-rate Community,

Note: If you filed a Form 470 for internet service and have chosen a provider which is not one of the three listed below, this guidance does not apply to you.

For all other E-rate applicants, you can now file your Form 471 for internet service over the TEACH Network (formerly BadgerNet). The state Department of Administration has contracts with three internet providers: AT&T, Lumen, and WiscNet.

State Contract Pricing

The information linked below includes internet pricing for schools and libraries. In some instances pricing for other entities, like government agencies, is also included. You should contact the provider if you have any questions about prices or related services. Contact information for each of the three providers is in the Form 471 Filing Guidance below.

- [AT&T pricing](#)
- [Lumen pricing](#)
- [WiscNet pricing](#)

Mini-bid Requirement

If you choose WiscNet or Lumen, you must conduct a [mini-bid](#), because the state contracts for both providers were contracted based on the same Form 470. This means you have to create a [bid evaluation matrix](#) to justify your choice of one provider over the other. Applicants should document the bid-evaluation, who conducted it and the date it was completed. If you choose AT&T you do not have to conduct a “mini-bid” because the AT&T contract was based on a separate Form 470. (The appropriate 470 numbers are provided in the filing guidance linked below.)

Form 471 Filing Guidance

Once you have chosen the provider you want to use for internet service on the TEACH network, you are ready to file your Form 471. This is a two-step process in EPC:

First: You will “associate the contract” for the service you have chosen. This connects your site in EPC with the state contract for the internet service provider you have chosen.

Second: You will file your Form 471 for internet service on the TEACH network for E-rate in FY 2023.

You should file for internet service for the entire funding year, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. This is true regardless of when your site will migrate from BadgerNet to the new TEACH network.

Important: When you file your Form 471, be certain to start from scratch, and follow the application guidance carefully. Do not use the auto-fill features to copy details from previous years, because with the new internet contracts important information has changed. In particular, WiscNet customers should be sure that WiscNet is listed as their provider. In previous years, “WiscNet on BadgerNet” customers had to list AT&T as their provider. However, under the new contract, WiscNet customers must list WiscNet, and not AT&T, as their provider.

Linked below is separate Form 471 filing guidance for each internet service provider.

- [AT&T Filing Guidance](#)
- [Lumen Filing Guidance](#)
- [WiscNet Filing Guidance](#)

Remember that the Form 471 filing window closes on March 28, 10:59 PM CDT.

Webinar: We will present a webinar, “[Filing the Form 471 for Internet Access over the TEACH Network](#),” on Tuesday, March 7 from 2:00 - 3:00.

Finally, a word of appreciation to Mike Dailey of CESA 9 for his generous help in creating the filing guidance.

Please contact us with any questions! However, for specific questions related to one of the three internet providers, contact the providers. (Provider contact information is in the above filing guidance.)

Thank you,

DPI E-rate Team (Rachel, Bill, Bob)