

DPI 2016 E-rate Webinar

(November 19, 2015)

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Student was just assigned to do the school's E-rate application as a class project.

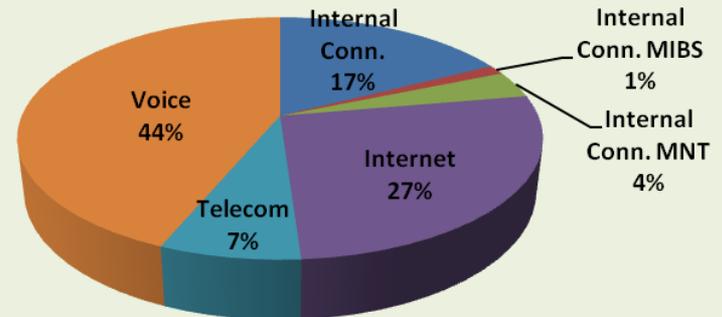
Webinar Topics

- Thursday, Nov. 19, 1:00 – 2:00pm
 - 2015 status and timeline for 2016
 - Eligible services
 - Includes Category 2 and fiber options
 - DPI enrollment and lunch data
- Thursday, Dec. 10, 1:00 – 2:00pm
 - EPC (new E-rate web portal)
 - Form 470
 - Form 471 (if available)

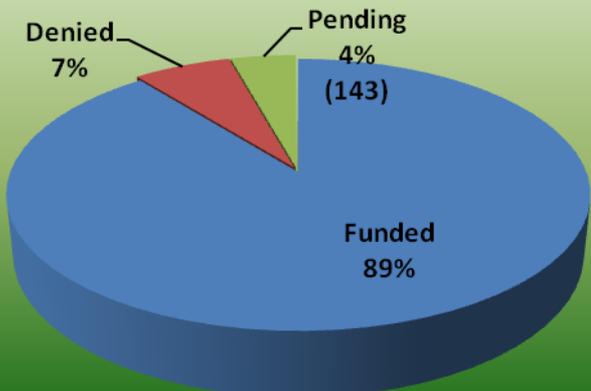
Review of Current 2015 Year

- 3,352 FR from 709 applicants
- Status of requests
- On pending requests:
 - If you have questions about a PIA inquiry, contact DPI

% of 2015 Funding Categories



Status of 2015 Funding Requests



Time Frame for 2016

- Similar to 2015, that is:
 - Form 470 for C1 or C2 can be filed now, but...
 - **Must be filed via EPC**
 - Form 471 window to open early January and close late March, but...
 - **Won't open until 471 is ready**
 - Window will be open for approx. 75 days
- Fiber and C2 applications can be complex, start work now
- Funding year starts 7-1-16

BadgerNet (BCN) Update

- 80% of school dist. and 95% of libraries get a broadband circuit from BCN
- DOA bid for new BCN contract and now is reviewing responses
- If new contract lowers costs, TEACH may:
 - Offer higher speed circuits
 - Offer circuits to more schools in a dist.
- Use caution in signing long-term contracts

Enrollment and F/R Lunch Data

- Data reported to DPI by districts is now being reviewed
- Plan to release file by form 471 opening
- Important to use DPI data
 - Using DPI data avoids PIA questions
 - EPC will pull data from 2015 form 471s
 - Schools then correct the data, which will then be reflected in any library or consortia applications