



FY2026 Form 470 Cat 2 Workshop - Libraries

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FY2026 Timeline

- **January 16, 2026 – Administrative Window Closes**
 - Review and update your **EPC profile by that date**
 - If unable to update by the close of the admin window, plan to provide the information in the Form 471 narrative for each funding request
 - Cat 2 budget data must be updated if applying for C2 in FY2026
 - The new per square foot amount is \$5.43
 - The **funding floor** is \$30,175 for libraries with fewer than 5557 square feet
- **January 21, 2026 – FCC Form 471 Filing Window Opens**
 - Opens at **12:00 p.m. (ET)**
 - Closes **April 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. (ET)**
- **March 4, 2026 – FCC Form 470 Deadline**
 - Form 470 is required **only if you are seeking new services or entering into a new contract**
 - Must be posted by this date to allow the required 28-day bidding period before filing Form 471

The Purpose of the Form 470

The Form 470:

- Announces a school's intent to participate in the E-Rate program and lists the services desired:
 - **Category 2**
 - Internal Connections
 - Managed Internal Broadband Service
 - Basic Maintenance
- Acts as an RFP
- Begins the mandatory 28-day competitive bidding process
- If a service is not listed on a Form 470, you cannot request it on a Form 471 (or it won't be funded)
- The deadline to file the FY2026 Form 470 is 3/4/2026, at 11:59 p.m. E.T.

Form 470

- You must apply for E-Rate funding each year
- You **don't** need to file a Form 470 if it is in the second (or later) year of a multi-year contract that was established in a previous year's Form 470, such as a multi-year MIBS contract

Note: This applies only to the services you are receiving in a multi-year contract

OR.... You qualify for the Library Cat 2 bidding exemption!

You must file a 470 for everything else you wish E-Rate to fund!

*****Keep in mind that you're not required to move forward with the purchase by requesting hardware or service on the Form 470. The purpose of the form is to request pricing only*****

Library Small C2 Bidding Exemption

- Libraries are now exempt from bidding for Category 2 equipment or services if:
 - Total, pre-discount amount is **\$3,600** or less
 - Total cost is per library and cannot be averaged over multiple libraries
 - Cost-effective rules still apply
 - Contracts still must be signed prior to filing the Form 471

Form 470 - After Submission Changes

- **Ability To Upload RFP Documents After Certification**
 - Applicants can upload an RFP (request for proposals) after the FCC Form 470 is submitted and certified in EPC, but cannot remove RFP documents attached to your FCC Form 470
 - If the new RFP changes the service originally requested (increasing bandwidth or quantities), you can restart the 28-day waiting period; there is no need to refile!
- **Ability To Cancel FCC Forms 470 and View Canceled Forms**
 - Applicants can view canceled FCC Forms 470 in EPC under **Records -> FCC Forms 470** by selecting “Canceled” under the **Status** filter

New Program Changes

- **Eligible Services List (ESL) Adopted** – The FCC has approved the [FY 2026 ESL](#) and adopted the change to include software or remote-based services, including bug fixes, security patches, software-based technical assistance, and configuration changes (remote type support), **under the Internal Connections (IC) equipment they support**, rather than as basic maintenance!
- This includes multi-year license renewals that often include remote type support that were previously funded under BMIC
- This change is a tremendous help for E-Rate applicants, bringing greater clarity to one of the areas of the program most prone to errors: software and remote services, reducing the risk of misclassification and the loss of funds!
- For license renewals and/or remote type support, you will request it by selecting the type of equipment the license/support is tied to under IC

New Program Changes

- With this change, you may enter into a multi-year remote support contract or license renewal that includes the remote support, and
 - Like right-to-use only licenses purchased with new equipment, you may pay for the full multi-year term in the first year and receive reimbursement based on the full cost
- Under the old rules, if you entered into a multi-year remote support or license renewal agreement that included remote support, where the full cost was paid up front, you had to pro-rate or amortize the cost, requesting the annual portion on the Form 471 and reimbursement form each year of the contract term
- Please note that Fixed maintenance contracts (**on-site configuration changes and time-and-materials**) will continue to be eligible for funding under **BMIC**, but only the cost of the work that is **actually performed** under the contract will be reimbursed!
 - This requires you to keep a maintenance log to show work performed
 - If you enter into a multi-year contract and pay the full cost up front, this will require an amortization

New Program Changes

- The Order also permits applicants who had sought funding for software-based BMIC services on a pro-rated basis in prior funding years to request discounts on the **remainder of the contract** in FY2026 or continue requesting pro-rated support.
- It also clarifies that applicants who seek support for software- or remote-based services as internal connections in FY2026 on the Form 471 that were competitively bid as BMIC services on the originating Form 470 are not violating competitive bidding rules.

Starting the Form 470

My Landing Page

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Welcome, School District 18!

Notifications

Notification Type: Please select
Funding Year: -- Select a year

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> **FCC Notice Required By The Paperwork Reduction Act (OMB Control Number: 3060-0806)**

> **Billed Entity Information**

Library System 10344
Address1
Rockville, MD 20850
012-345-6789
library_sys_10344@mailinator.com

Billed Entity Number: 1979
FCC Registration Number: 0123456789

Application Nickname
Please enter an application nickname here. *


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Enter Nickname (user defined) and click on “Save and Continue”

Completing the Form 470

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Where applicable, we've completed this section of the form based on information from your applicant entity's profile. If any of the non-editable information is incorrect, or you wish to change the information, please update your profile first by going to your entity record, and clicking Manage Organization from the Related Actions menu. If you do not have access to Manage Organization, please contact your applicant entity's account administrator or create a customer service case to request updates to your applicant entity's profile.

Application Type and Recipients of Service

Applicant Type: Library System

Number of Eligible Entities: 7

Recipient(s) of Service

- ☒ Public Library
- ☒ Main Branch
- ☒ Public Library System

Recipients of Service

Billed Entity Name	Billed Entity Number
Ohio County Library	10426

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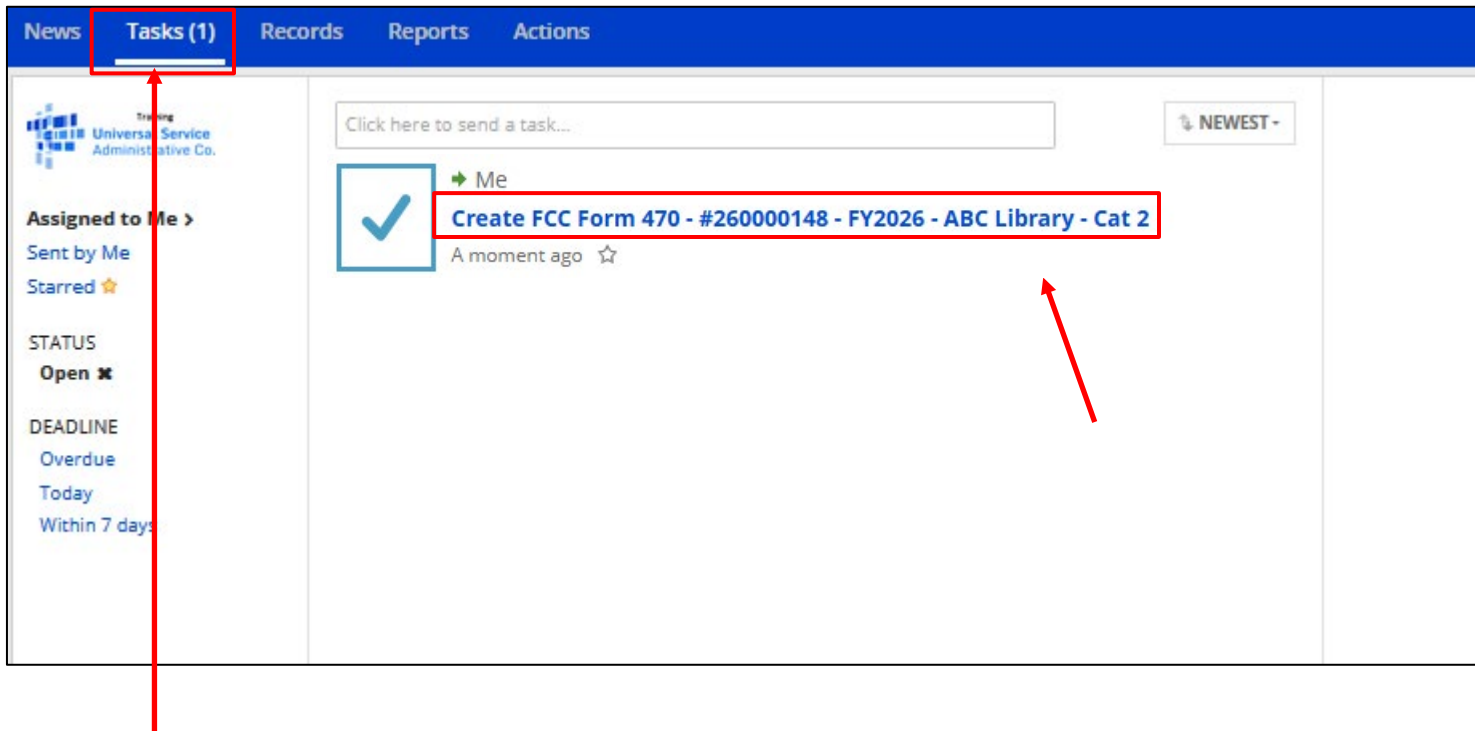
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Once you save the application, the “Task” is indicated on the main menu bar

Verify the information listed about your entity. If necessary, update your profile

Click on “Save & Continue”



If you start an application, and cannot complete it, go to “Tasks” located on the main menu bar, and click on form to complete

Note: It will say “Create” instead of “Continue”

Contact Information

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Next, you will identify the individuals assisting in seeking E-rate support.

Consultant Information

There are currently no consulting firms associated with your organization. If this is in error, please update your organization profile.

Contact Information

Are you the main contact person?

FirstName LastName

Is_user_10344@mailinator.com

111-222-3333

YES ✓

NO

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Choose option for contact information. If “Yes”, your info will display

If someone else will be the main contact, choose “No” and provide their information. Keep in mind, they must have a portal account

Click on “Save & Continue”

Choosing Category of Service

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Next, you will identify the category(s) of service requested.

Visit [our website](#) for more information on how to file the FCC Form 470.

Category(s) of Service

What are the category(s) of service that you are requesting?

CATEGORY 1

- Data Transmission and/or Internet Access

CATEGORY 2 ✓

- Internal Connections
- Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections
- Managed Internal Broadband Services

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Choose “Category 2”

Click on “Save & Continue”

Adding An RFP

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If you are using RFPs for any of the requested services, start by uploading them all first.


RFPs for Service Requests

Is there a RFP for any of the services you are requesting?

☒ YES ✓ ☐ NO

Please upload all RFPs for the services you are requesting. ?

 **Cat 2 RFP**
DOCX - 37.7 KB

UPLOAD  Drop file here

You must upload your actual RFP document. Uploading a document with a hyperlink to another website, including bid management sites, is not sufficient and can lead to funding denial.

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If you have an RFP for any of the services that will be included on the Form 470, click on “Yes”. This could be a spreadsheet with a list of hardware and quantities

If requesting MIBS for existing connectivity equipment (routers, switches, APs, firewalls, etc.), provide make/model and quantities of each

You will then see the “Upload” option to attach the RFP file

You can add multiple documents, if necessary, for both Category 1 & 2

Click on “Save & Continue”

Simple RFP Examples

Cat 2:

Item Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Cisco Meraki MR42 Cloud Managed or Equivalent	207		
Cisco Meraki Enterprise Cloud Controller or Equivalent - Subscription license (5 years)	207		
Cisco Catalyst 3850-12XS-S or Equivalent	1		
Cisco Catalyst 3850-48F-S or Equivalent	6		
Cisco Catalyst 3850-24P-S or Equivalent	1		
Cisco Catalyst 2960X-48FPD-L or Equivalent	19		
Cisco Catalyst 2960X-24PD-L or Equivalent	1		
Cisco FlexStack-Plus Network stacking module or Equivalent	19		

Don't forget to add the “or equivalent**”!**

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Next, you will indicate whether RFPs are applicable across a category.

RFPs for Service Requests

If applicable, please select the RFP(s) that apply to all new category TWO services.

☒ Cat 2 RFP

This selection will only apply to new service requests. Selecting and deselecting RFPs above will not affect service requests already added to this FCC Form 470.

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If applicable, select the RFPs that apply to all new Category 2 services

If you answered “No” previously to RFP’s, this screen would not display 😊

Click on “Save & Continue”

Requesting Category 2 Services

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Next, you will describe the services you are requesting.

Service Requests: Category Two ←

There are currently no Category Two service requests. Please enter the service requests below by selecting 'Add New Service Request'

ADD NEW SERVICE REQUEST EDIT SERVICE REQUEST REMOVE SERVICE REQUEST

Narrative

If you would like to provide further detail about the services or equipment sought, you may do so in this box below. Examples include:

- Any disqualification factors;
- Additional details about the eligible locations that will be receiving these services; or
- Other information about the services requested that would help bidders develop bids that are responsive to your needs.

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Click on “Add New Service Request” to start

Note: while E-Rate will only fund Category 2 requests for schools or library branches, you may include items on the 470 for bidding purposes that will go into a NIF

Requesting Category 2 Services

Next, you will describe the services you are requesting.

Add New Service Request

- 1 ☐ I seek bids for the equipment needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries and/or the related software and right-to-use licenses necessary for the equipment to function.
- 2 ☐ I seek bids for basic maintenance service on eligible equipment and/or support services (e.g., ~~bug fixes, software upgrades, and security patches~~) appropriate to maintain reliable operation.
- 3 ☐ I seek bids for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections.

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- 1 Select this option if seeking Internal Connections equipment. This includes license and **remote type support**.
- 2 Select this option if seeking on-site (time-and-materials) basic maintenance service for eligible equipment.
- 3 Select this option if seeking Managed Internal Broadband Service (MIBS)

Requesting Internal Connections

Add New Service Request

1

I seek bids for the equipment needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries and/or the related software and right-to-use licenses necessary for the equipment to function.

Service Type

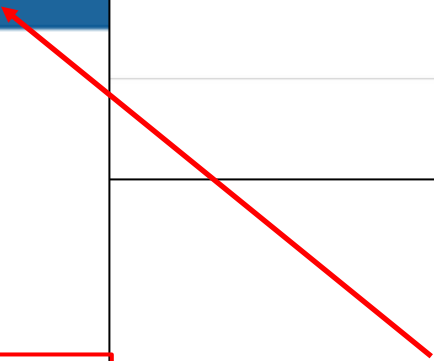
Internal Connections

Function *

2

Please select a value

- Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components
- Cabling
- Caching and Necessary Software and Licenses
- Firewall Service and Components and Necessary Software and Licenses
- Racks
- Router and Necessary Software and Licenses
- Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses
- Uninterruptable Power Supply/Battery Backup and Necessary Software and Licenses
- Wireless Access Point and Necessary Software and Licenses
- Wireless Controller and Necessary Software and Licenses




Select the first option to choose Internal Connections, and then click on the “Function” pull-down to choose a value

“Software and Licenses” language is listed where applicable for hardware.

This will also include remote type support

Requesting Internal Connections

 I seek bids for the equipment needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries and/or the related software and right-to-use licenses necessary for the equipment to function.

Service Type
Internal Connections

Function *
Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses

Quantity *
100

Unit
Each

☒ Please select this option if you would like to create an accompanying Category Two BMIC request for this IC request.

Service Type
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

Function *
Wireless Access Points

Quantity *
100

Unit
Each

Manufacturer
Meraki or equivalent

Are you also seeking Installation, Activation and Initial Configuration for this service? *
☒ Yes
☐ No

Please select the RFP(s) that apply to this service request.
☐ Library Bandwidth Needs RFP
☒ Library Hardware Needs RFP.docx

Manufacturer
Meraki

Number of entities served?

Please select the RFP(s) that apply to this service request.
☐ Library Bandwidth Needs RFP
☒ Library Hardware Needs RFP.docx

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Check the box if you are also seeking **on-site (time-and-material) type maintenance** for the **new equipment**, and the request will be added. Enter the number of entities served.

After selecting “Function”, enter quantity, select preferred Manufacturer, and select “Yes” if you are seeking Installation, Activation, and Configuration

If also seeking **on-site Basic Maintenance** for the hardware chosen, check the box and enter the number of entities it will serve. The “Function”, “Quantity”, and “Manufacturer” are provided for you. Click on “**Save Request**”

Adding Category 2 Services

Service Requests: Category Two

Please enter the service requests below by selecting 'Add New Service Request'.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses	Meraki or equivalent		100	Each	Yes	Cat 2 RFP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	Meraki	3	100	Each		Cat 2 RFP

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Note: The Access Points are now listed under both IC and BMIC

Click “Add New Service Request” to continue adding additional services

Remember, if it’s not on the 470, you cannot get it funded on the 471

You can also choose to “Edit” or “Remove” requests if needed by checking the box to the left of the item and then click “Edit Service Request” or “Remove Service Request”

Adding Category 2 Renewal License

Add New Service Request

I seek bids for the equipment needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries and/or the related software and right-to-use licenses necessary for the equipment to function.

Service Type Internal Connections	Manufacturer <input type="text" value="Other"/>
Function * <input type="text" value="Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses"/>	Manufacturer Description * <input type="text" value="We are seeking license and remote support for our existing 100 Meraki MR-42 APs"/>
Quantity * <input type="text" value="100"/>	Are you also seeking Installation, Activation and Initial Configuration for this service? * <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Unit Each <input type="checkbox"/> Please select this option if you would like to create an accompanying Category Two BMIC request for this IC request	

CANCEL **SAVE & CREATE ANOTHER REQUEST** **SAVE REQUEST**

Click the BMIC box only if you are also seeking on-site maintenance

If you already own the hardware but need to renew licenses and/or request remote support, you may add them by choosing the “Function” or type of hardware the license is for. Under “Manufacturer,” choose “Other” and describe in the additional text box that will display. **If requesting a license for existing hardware, it’s o.k. to state the model**

Enter “Quantity” and click on “Yes” if you are seeking Installation/Configuration

Click on “Add”

Adding On-Site Basic Maintenance for Existing Hardware

Add New Service Request

☐ I seek bids for the equipment needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries and/or the related software and right-to-use licenses necessary for the equipment to function.

☒ I seek bids for basic maintenance service on eligible equipment and/or support services (e.g., bug fixes, software upgrades, and security patches) appropriate to maintain reliable operation.

☐ I seek bids for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections.

Select Basic Maintenance

CANCEL

Add New Service Request

I seek bids for basic maintenance service on eligible equipment and/or support services (e.g., bug fixes, software upgrades, and security patches) appropriate to maintain reliable operation.

Service Type
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

Function *

Please select a value

Please select a value

- Antennas, Connectors, and Related Components
- Cabling
- Caching
- Firewall Service and Components
- Racks
- Router**
- Switches
- Uninterruptable Power Supply/Battery Backup
- Wireless Access Point
- Wireless Controller


If you select the wrong option, click anywhere on the blue text to go back.

Click on the pull-down to select the type of equipment to maintain. Notice, there's no language about licenses.

Here, you are only requesting maintenance, not the actual purchasing of the equipment

Adding Basic Maintenance for Existing Hardware

Add New Service Request

 I seek bids for basic maintenance service on eligible equipment and/or support services (e.g., bug fixes, software upgrades, and security patches) appropriate to maintain reliable operation.

Service Type Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Manufacturer <div>Cisco Systems</div>
Function * <div>Routers</div>	Number of entities served? <div>4</div>
Quantity * <div>10</div>	
Unit Each	

CANCEL

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SAVE REQUEST

Select the manufacturer of hardware to be maintained, the quantity, and how many entities will be served

Click on “Save Request”

Adding Managed Internal Broadband Service (MIBS)

Add New Service Request

- ☐ I seek bids for the equipment needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries and/or the related software and right-to-use licenses necessary for the equipment to function.
- ☐ I seek bids for basic maintenance service on eligible equipment and/or support services (e.g., bug fixes, software upgrades, and security patches) appropriate to maintain reliable operation.
- 1** ☒ I seek bids for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections. **Select this option for MIBS**

CANCEL

2 ☒ I seek bids for the operation, management, and monitoring of eligible broadband internal connections.

- ☐ I seek bids for MIBS using equipment that I currently lease or will lease.
- ☒ I seek bids for MIBS using equipment that I currently own or will own.

Select whether you're requesting MIBS that includes lease equipment or for equipment currently or will be owned.

3 ☒ I seek bids for MIBS using equipment that I currently own or will own.

Service Type
Managed Internal Broadband Services

Number of entities served? *

Function *

Existing Equipment

CANCEL

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SAVE REQUEST

For either option, enter the number of entities served

NOTE: If requesting MIBS for existing equipment, be sure to provide a list of the equipment's make/model and quantities.

Click on "Save Request"

Adding Category 2 Services

Service Requests: Category Two

Please enter the service requests below by selecting 'Add New Service Request'

<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Type	Function	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Entities	Quantity	Unit	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFPs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses	Meraki or equivalent			100	Each	Yes	Hardware Upgrade RFP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	Meraki		4	100	Each		Hardware Upgrade RFP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal Connections	Switches and Necessary Software and Licenses	Cisco Systems or equivalent			10	Each	Yes	Hardware Upgrade RFP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	Other	We are seeking licenses for existing Meraki MR-42 APs	4	100	Each		Hardware Upgrade RFP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Managed Internal Broadband Services	Existing Equipment			4				List of Hardware to be maintained
<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal Connections	Cabling	No Preference		4	10000	Feet	Yes	Hardware Upgrade RFP
6 items									

ADD NEW SERVICE REQUEST

EDIT SERVICE REQUEST

REMOVE SERVICE REQUEST

Narrative

If you would like to provide further detail about the services or equipment sought, you may do so in this box below. Examples include:

- Any disqualification factors;
- Additional details about the eligible locations that will be receiving these services; or
- Other information about the services requested that would help bidders develop bids that are responsive to your needs.

We are seeking access points and network drops for each device. See the attached RFP document for a list of sites/addresses, floor plans of each building, and all bidding requirements. If bidding on the cabling project, a site walk-through is required in order for your bid to be considered. Scheduled dates for walk-throughs can be found in the RFP. The applicant reserves the right to reject bids that are received on or after the Allowable Contract Date shown on the Form 470. All equipment shall be new and shall include manufacturer warranty (three year). If equipment is different from what is requested, documentation must be provided with the proposal demonstrating that the proposed equipment is equivalent or the proposal will not be considered.

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Make sure all items/services are listed and verify they are under the correct "Service Type". "Edit" or "Remove" requests if needed by clicking the box to the left of the item.

Add a narrative to provide detail. Click on "Save & Continue"

Adding Technical Contact

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Next, please name the person on your staff or project who can provide additional technical details or answer specific questions from service providers about the services you are seeking.

Technical Contact Person

Is there a person who can provide additional technical details or answer specific questions from service providers about the services you are seeking?

YES

NO ✓

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Choose “Yes” if you’d like to add a technical contact.

You can search and add an EPC user or manually enter contact details.

Technical Contact Person

Is there a person who can provide additional technical details or answer specific questions from service providers about the services you are seeking?

YES ✓

NO

How would you like to enter the technical contact details?

SEARCH EPC SYSTEM

ENTER DETAILS MANUALLY ✓

First Name *

Last Name *

Title

Phone Number *

Phone Number Extension

Email *

Re-enter Email *

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Do not add anyone affiliated with a service provider!!

Click on “Save & Continue”

Procurement Requirements

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Next, you will enter all information regarding state and local procurement rules.

State or Local Procurement Requirements

Are there state or local procurement/competitive bidding requirements that apply to the procurement of services sought?

YES ✓

NO

If applicable, provide a description of state or local procurement rules and/or restrictions on how or when service providers may contact you or on other bidding procedures.

Vendors must conduct a mandatory walk-through of each location if bidding on the management of internal broadband services (MIBS). Bids received where a walk-through was not conducted will be disqualified. The applicant reserves the right to reject bids that are received on or after the Allowable Contract Date shown on the Form 470.

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Indicate if there are State or Local procurement requirements, or any restrictions. You can list any disqualifying factors in addition to the Narrative.

Click on “Review FCC Form 470”

Procurement Requirements

- All hardware quoted must be compatible with existing infrastructure.
- Hardware quoted must be new with the manufacturer's warranty. Quotes for used equipment will not be considered.
- Vendor must have a SPIN at the time of awarding the contract.
- Cabling vendors must be bonded/insured.
- Vendor must ensure that all quoted prices will be honored at the time of purchase.
- All vendors must conduct a walk-through of each location if bidding on the cabling project, and all quotes must include all cabling material, necessary components, and installation costs to complete the project.
- Vendor must demonstrate they are a valid reseller of products quoted.
- In-state (or local) vendors preferred.
- Previous experience with vendor preferred.
- Vendor must put in writing their willingness to give discounted bills.
- Must demonstrate the ability to meet the installation timeline.
- **The applicant reserves the right to reject bids that are received on or after the Allowable Contract Date shown on the Form 470.**

A Word doc listing Disqualifying Factors can be found on my "Resource Library" page at <https://www.ohio-k12.help/e-rate-support/resource-library/> .

Review Form 470

The screenshot displays the 'FCC Form 470 - Funding Year 2026' interface. The top navigation bar includes 'News', 'Tasks (2)', 'Records', 'Reports', and 'Actions'. The 'Tasks (2)' tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, the title 'FCC Form 470 - Funding Year 2026' is shown, followed by the subtitle 'Library System 10344 - FY2026 - ABC Library - Cat 2 - Form #260000148'. A message states 'Last Saved: 10/12/2025 4:18 PM EDT'. A horizontal progress bar at the bottom shows stages: 'Basic Information', 'Service Requests', 'Technical Contact Information', 'Procurement Information', 'FCC Form 470 Review' (which is the active stage), and 'Certifications & Signature'. A red box highlights a message: 'When the FCC Form 470 PDF is ready, a task will become available to complete certification.' Below this, a task list is shown. A red arrow points from the 'Tasks (2)' tab to a task entry. The task entry has a blue checkmark icon, the user 'Me', and the title 'Certify FCC Form 470 - 260000148 - FY2026 - ABC Library - Cat 2', which is highlighted with a red box. The task was created 'A moment ago' and has a star icon. A 'Click here to send a task...' button and a 'NEWEST' dropdown are also visible.

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Please download and carefully review this FCC Form 470 before certifying.

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☒ By checking this box, I certify that the information in the PDF document above is correct.

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This function will send you directly to certification for your FCC Form 470. Do you wish to proceed?

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If you have the authority to certify application, click on “Continue to Certification” and choose “Yes” in the pop-up. Choose “Send for Certification” if someone else will certify.

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Certifications & Signature

Please complete the certifications below.

Applicant Certifications

- ☒ I certify that the applicant includes schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools, and does not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.

Other Certifications

- ☒ I certify that this FCC Form 470 and any applicable RFP will be available for review by potential bidders. Submitted bids will be carefully considered and the bid selected will be for the most cost-effective service that meets the educational needs and technology goals.
- ☒ I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the funding year or the service delivery deadline for the associated funding request). I certify that I will retain records for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts. I acknowledge that the retention of these records is a condition of the award of the discount.
- ☒ I certify that I have reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding rules. I acknowledge that failure to comply with these rules may be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b).
- ☒ I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations of the Communications Act are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.
- ☒ I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. § 254 will be used for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 1.101. I certify that I have considered what financial resources should be available to cover these costs. I certify that I am authorized to procure eligible services for the eligible entity(ies). I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this form, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.
- ☒ I acknowledge that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) and/or library(ies) I represent securing access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that I have considered what financial resources should be available to cover these costs. I certify that I am authorized to procure eligible services for the eligible entity(ies). I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this form, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

False statements on this form may result in civil liability and/or criminal prosecution. To electronically sign and certify this form, click "Yes" below. To affirm that you (1) understand the statements above and (2) represent the entity featured, and have the authority to make the certifications, on this form, click "Yes" below.

NO

YES

NOTICE

In accordance with Section 54.503 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, certain schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts must file this Description of Services Requested and Certification Form (FCC Form 470) with the Universal Service Administrator, 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.503. Schools and libraries must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information requested in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether you have complied with the competitive bidding requirements applicable to requests for universal service discounts. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of any applicable statute, regulation, rule or order, the information you provide in this form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information you provide in this form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, information provided in or submitted with this form, or in response to subsequent inquiries, may also be subject to disclosure consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, FCC regulations, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the information you provide in this form may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC or Universal Service Administrator may return your form without action or deny a related request for universal service discounts.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

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Check each box, and click on "Certify", and then "Yes" to complete the application.

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☒ FCC Forms Status ☒ All
☐ Post-Commitment Requests ☐ Incomplete
☐ Certified
☐ Canceled

Form Type FCC Form 470

Funding Year 2026

Nickname	Application Number	Funding Year	Status
FY2026 - ABC Library - Cat 1	260000147	2026	Certified
FY2026 - ABC Library - Cat 2	260000148	2026	Certified

To find the Form 470, go to the bottom of the Landing Page and search. Select **2026** for the funding year. Verify the status is listed as “Certified”. It may take several minutes after submitting the Form 470 for the status to update from “Incomplete” to “Certified”. Click on the Nickname to see a summary of the application.

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Please note: The following fields pull the most current data from the Contact User Profile and Applicant Entity Profile: Recipient(s) of Service, Contact Name, and Contact Phone Number. If you would like to review this FCC Form 470 with the data that was present upon certification, please navigate to the Generated Documents related dashboard on the left-hand side and click the Original Version document link.

> Application Information

Nickname FY2026 - ABC Library - Cat 2

Application Number 260000148

Funding Year 2026

Status Certified

Allowable Contract Date 11/9/2025

Created Date 10/12/2025 4:03 PM EDT

Created By FirstName LastName

Certified Date 10/12/2025 4:26 PM EDT

Certified By FirstName LastName

Last Modified Date 10/12/2025 4:26 PM EDT

Last Modified By FirstName LastName

Verify the **“Allowable Contract Date”**. Contracts can be awarded on or after this date.

> Services Requested

There are no Services Requested For Category 1

Category 2: Internal Connections and Managed Internal Broadband Services

Type	Function	Number of Entities	Quantity	Unit	Manufacturer	Manufacturer Other Description	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFP
Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points and Necessary Software and Licenses		100	Each	Meraki or equivalent		Yes	View RFP Documents
Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections	Wireless Access Points	3	100	Each	Meraki			View RFP Documents

Verify the services listed.

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Please note: The following fields pull the most recent data from the Form 470 with the data that was present up to the time of certification.

Application Information

Nickname FY2025 Cat 1 - LG

Application Number 250000072

Funding Year 2025

Status Certified

Allowable Contract Date 11/9/2024

Billed Entity Information

Name Library System 103

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- Edit Application Nickname**
This function allows you to update the nickname of your FCC Form 470.
- Add an RFP Document**
This function allows you to upload and associate an additional RFP to one or more Service Requests even if the RFP document did not exist at the time of certification.
- Change Main Contact Person**
This function allows you to update the main contact listed on your FCC Form 470.
- Edit Technical Contact**
This function allows you to update the technical contact information listed on your FCC Form 470.
- Cancel this FCC Form 470**
This function allows you to cancel your certified FCC Form 470 if it has not yet been cited on an incomplete, certified or committed FCC Form 471.

Click on “Related Actions” for a list of options for corrections/changes. The two highlighted in red above are newer options: the ability to add an RFP or cancel the Form 470.

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Edit Application Nickname

This function allows you to update the application nickname.



Add an RFP Document

This function allows you to upload a new RFP document.



Change Main Contact Person

This function allows you to update the main contact person.



Edit Technical Contact

This function allows you to update the technical contact.



Cancel this FCC Form 470

This function allows you to cancel this FCC Form 470.

Upload RFP

Changes to the FCC Form 470, including uploading a new RFP document, may require applicants to restart the 28-day waiting period before selecting a service provider, signing a contract, or submitting and certifying an FCC Form 471. Ministerial or clerical errors, such as updating contact information, do not require a reset of the 28-day waiting period. However, changes that materially affect the competitive bidding process, such as changing the services or equipment being requested, do require restarting the 28-day waiting period.

If you are requesting bids for additional equipment, services, or recipients of service not included on the original FCC Form 470, you may need to file a new FCC Form 470.

Please review the [USAC.org](https://www.usac.org) for additional guidance.

Does this new RFP constitute a substantial change to your FCC Form 470?*

☒ Yes

☐ No

If you select yes, the 28-day waiting period will reset, and the Allowable Contract Date on your FCC Form 470 will be updated accordingly. If the new Allowable Contract Date prevents you from certifying the FCC Form 471 before the application window closes, you must request a waiver from the Commission after certifying the FCC Form 471.

Uploading a new RFP document with substantial changes and not waiting the minimum 28 days may result in denial of funding.

Please add an RFP here *

UPLOAD

Drop file here

Associate RFP to Service Request(s)

Category 1: Data Transmission and/or Internet Access

Please select the service request(s) that apply to the RFP uploaded above.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Type	Function	Number Entities	Quantity	Unit	Min Capacity	Max Capacity	Installation and Initial Configuration?	Associated RFP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Mobile Service For Use On School Buses	15	15	Each				View RFP Documents

If adding an RFP document, you will be asked if a substantial change is being made, such as adding new service or quantities. If so, your 28-day waiting period will restart. Upload the file, and then select the service to associate the new RFP document with.

Bid Evaluation Sample

- Evaluate your bids using a matrix with your bid factors and points.

Factor	Points Available	Vendor 1	Vendor 2	Vendor 3
Price of the ELIGIBLE products and services	50	20	50	40
Prior experience w/vendor	20	20	0	20
Product compatible with existing infrastructure	15	10	5	15
Flexible Invoicing: FCC Forms 472 or 474	10	0	10	10
Local or in-state vendor	5	5	0	5
TOTAL	100	55	65	90

- Be sure to date and add a statement such as “based on the above criteria, we have chosen Vendor 3”.

Bid Evaluation Letter

Bid Matrix Evaluation

Category 2

Factor	Points Available	Company A	Company B	Company C
Price of the ELIGIBLE goods and services	50			
Equipment compatible with existing infrastructure	20			
All equipment quoted is new with min of 3-year hardware replacement warrant	10			
Cabling vendors is bonded/ insured	10			
Vendor is an authorized reseller	5			
Vendor will provide discounted billing	5			
Total	100			

Based on the above bid matrix criteria when comparing the quotes for **Insert Service Type**, we have chosen **Insert Company Name** as the service provider for our Internal Connections Category 2 request.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For a template of my sample letter, go to my “Resource Library” page at <https://www.ohio-k12.help/e-rate-support/resource-library/>



That's the Form 470 in a nutshell!

Any questions?

Where to Go for E-Rate Help

- **USAC's Client Service Center (CSC)**
 - E-Rate “Help Desk” where applicant & service providers can get answers to questions
 - Call **888-203-8100**
 - Submit a ‘Customer Service Case’ in EPC
-  **E-Rate Coordinator**
 - E-mail Lorrie Germann at lorrie.germann@education.ohio.gov
 - Call: 740-253-1153
 - Attend webinars!
 - <https://www.ohio-k12.help/E-Rate-support> **(Note new URL!!)**
 - Subscribe/read listserve messages! **(If you've had issues receiving my emails, please subscribe again!!)**
 - **Helpful Documents:** <https://www.ohio-k12.help/E-Rate-support/resource-library/>
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