



Provisions for Universal Service (“E-Rate”) Program for Schools and Libraries.

(For Public and Non-Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, Libraries and any other E-Rate-eligible member of the ICN Network):

We the Participant (District / School/ Library Name) _____
_____ authorize the Illinois Century Network (ICN), and/or any of its fiscal / administrative agents, including the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), and /or Illinois Central Management Services (CMS) to act as a consortium lead on our behalf in matters related specifically to any State and Federal discount programs (such as Universal Service Program -- E-Rate -- and others) solely for the purposes of securing those discounts on ICN’s eligible services.

We authorize the ICN to engage on our behalf in the procurement processes, in the submission of the E-rate forms, and in the overall administration of these programs solely for the purposes of securing those discounts on ICN’s eligible services.

We understand that in submitting these forms on our behalf, ICN is making certifications for our school, district, library or library system. We are hereby simultaneously certifying compliance with the certifications below:

- That the schools in our system are all “schools under the statutory definitions of elementary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801(14) and (25), do not operate as for profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million”;
- That the libraries or library consortia are eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as a for-profit business and whose budgets are completely separate from any school (including, but not limited to) elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities;
- The eligible schools and libraries have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for discounted eligible services”;
- I certify that the schools in our district (or library(ies) are all covered, or will be covered at the time funded services are provided, by approved technology plans (unless discounts are only being requested for basic local and long distance telephone service);
- That the subsidized services that the applicant receives provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value”;

- That the entity(ies) we represent have complied with all E-Rate program rules and we acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments;
- I certify that our school, school district, library, or library system is compliant, or will be compliant at the time funded services are provided, with the CIPA - Children’s Internet Protection Act as it pertains to our institution.

This certification in no way limits the abilities of entities to file for “E-rate” (Universal Service funds) or any other grants and programs on their own, nor does it abrogate any other rights and responsibilities of the Participant with the E-Rate Program.

Please mark the appropriate years for which this certification was or will be effective:

- _____ Funding Year 2000 (July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001)
- _____ Funding Year 2001 (July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002)
- _____ Funding Year 2002 (July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003)
- _____ Funding Year 2003 (July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004)
- _____ Our organization is unable to certify compliance as described within this document

By signing this Agreement, I certify that I am authorized to submit this Agreement on behalf of the above the participant entity(ies), that I have examined the provisions that relate to participation in the E-rate Program, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

I certify that I am authorized to sign this letter of agency and, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all information provided to the ICN for E-rate submission is true. I understand that persons willfully make false statements on E-rate forms or through this letter of agency can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

Participant

Illinois Century Network

Signature Date

Signature Date

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title

Title