

E-RATE: What's Next?



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FY 2013 Applications

- Corrections, Changes, Deadlines, Reviews

Demand Estimates

- Priority Two funding

Compliance

- Document Retention, PQA, Audit

E-Rate Program Changes

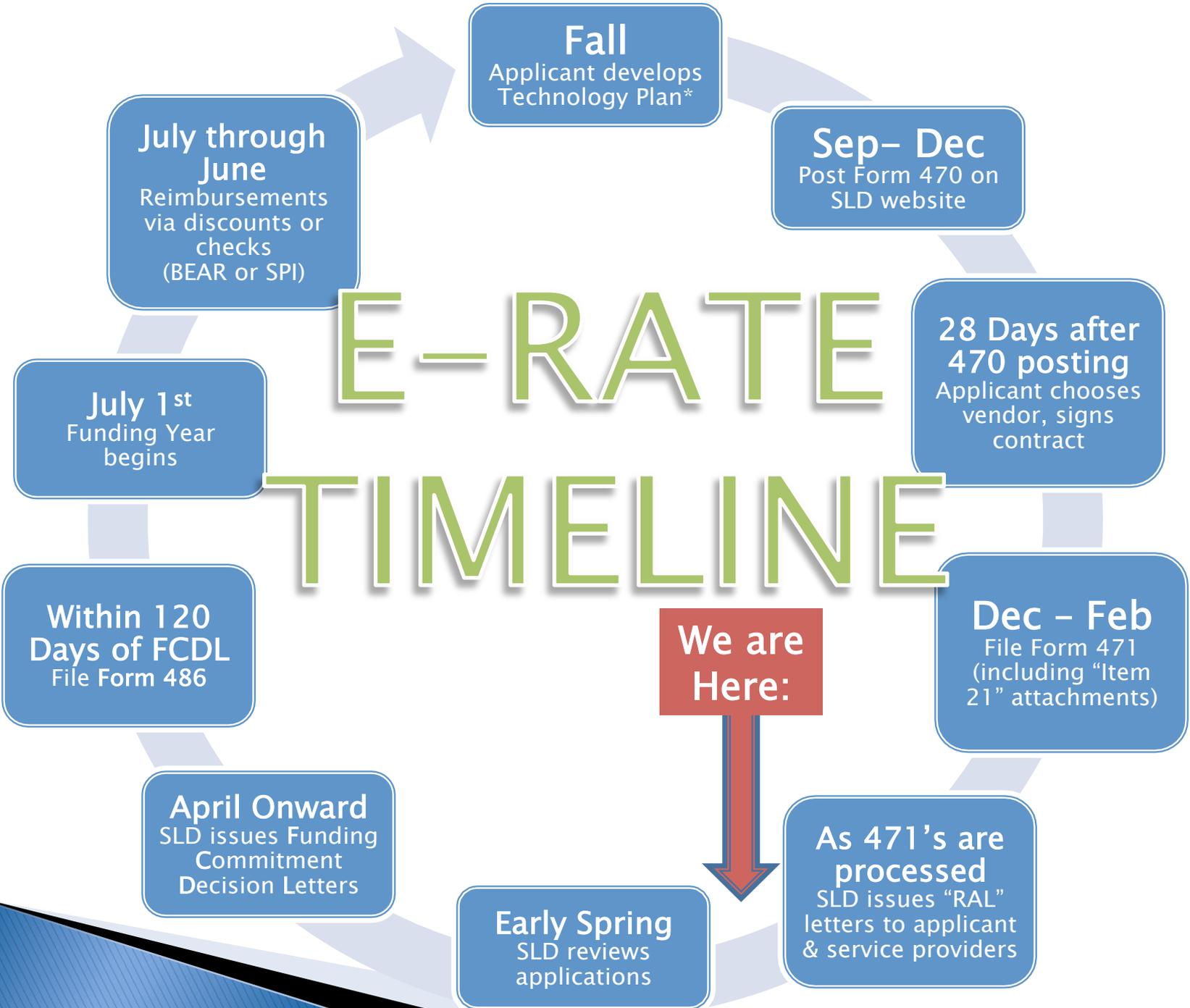
- Forms, Bundled Services, Program funding

Planning for 2014

- Student Enrollment data, Bandwidth



E-RATE TIMELINE



FY 2013 Applications

- ▶ FY 2013 Filing window closed March 14th, 2013 for services that begin on July 1st, 2013
- ▶ Item 21 & Form 471 (Services Ordered) certifications by May 15th, 2013
- ▶ RAL Corrections (Receipt Acknowledgement Letter)
- ▶ PIA Reviews (Program Integrity Assurance)



FY 2013 Applications

- ▶ First Funding “Wave” typically late June/early July
- ▶ Form 486’s (Receipt of Service Confirmation) must be filed within 120 days
- ▶ Contact Service Providers to advise of preferred reimbursement method (BEAR/SPI)



FY 2012 Reimbursements

- ▶ Don't forget to collect your 2012 reimbursements!
- ▶ Service provider must certify Form 472 (BEAR's)
- ▶ Don't wait until October 28th deadline to file!



Program Compliance

- ▶ **Document Retention**

- 5 years from last date of service, Bills, Contracts, Bidding Documents, Correspondence

- ▶ **PQA**

- All of the above including cancelled checks, CIPA compliance, technology plan (if applicable)

- ▶ **Audit**



FY 2013 Demand Estimates

- ▶ **Priority One (Telecommunications & Internet Access)**
 - \$2.709 Billion
 - 10% increase from 2012

- ▶ **Priority Two (Internal Connections & Basic Maintenance)**
 - \$1.760 Billion
 - 18.5% decrease from 2012



FY 2013 Demand Estimates

- ▶ **Total Demand \$4.47 billion**
 - Cap set at \$2.34 billion
- ▶ **Priority Two Challenges**
 - In order to fund 90% schools, would need \$1.50–1.60 billion in rollover funding
- ▶ **Proration?**



Possible Program Changes

- ▶ **More Funding?**
 - E-Rate 2.0
- ▶ **Form Changes**
 - Form 472, Form 473 & Form 474
- ▶ **Bundled Services**
 - FCC proposing cost allocation for all bundled services
- ▶ **Eligible Services List**



Planning for 2014

- ▶ **Bandwidth**
 - Increased demands, E-Rate eligible
- ▶ **Using E-Rate Funding to Enhance Technology**
 - Reimbursements can be used for new technology
- ▶ **Boosting Student Enrollment Data**
 - Consider surveys/sibling matches
- ▶ **Sign contracts 28 days+ after Form 470 has been posted (Services Requested)**



Questions?

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