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Dear School District Superintendent and E-Rate Coordinator:

The 2014 Alaska State Legislature appropriated \$5 million for assistance to schools/school districts that had internet speeds of less than 10 Mbps. The funds, subject to budgetary approval and availability, were distributed by the Department of Education & Early Development's Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums to eligible districts on a pro rata basis. A new appropriation may provide funds to be used to cover eligible costs incurred by the district in fiscal year 2016 (E-rate FY2015).

This is a cover letter for an application for those funds, if you would like to apply because you believe that your district or some schools in the district, qualify.

The application:

Attached you will find an application spreadsheet that has four tabs.

- The first tab, "Read Me First," has directions for the application and how to submit it.
- The second tab is a simple Superintendent's Certification form that must be filled out and emailed as directed.
- The third tab should be renamed to match your district's name. This is the heart of the application.
 - Each school (or each circuit) for which you are applying for reimbursement must have its own row of information.
 - Each column (A through X) must be filled out for each school for which you are applying for broadband funds.
 - Supply a signed current bid or contract from your current provider. Clearly indicate the Mbps level and the page number of the negotiated pricing.
- The fourth tab has pertinent regulations related to the program, should you care to read them.

The spreadsheet, bid/contract documents, certification and any other application materials must be emailed **on or before March 26, 2015** to alex.pock@alaska.gov.

Notification and Funding:

- You will be notified about funding no later than May 15, 2015.
- The funding may be used to cover eligible broadband costs incurred by the district in fiscal year 2016 (E-rate FY2015).

- Distribution of funding shall occur no later than August 15, 2015.

Reporting and Return of Unexpended Funds:

- By April 15, 2016 a district that receives funding under AS 14.03.127 shall file a year-end report with the DEED on a form provided by the department.
- By July 30, 2016 a district receiving funding under AS 14.03.127 shall return to DEED funds received for unexpended eligible costs during the prior fiscal year.

Thank you for your interest and potential participation in the program. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Alex Pock at 907-269-4606.

Sincerely,



Linda Thibodeau

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