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FY 2019:

USAC released Wave 58 for FY 2019 on Thursday, May 7th. Two large applicants were funded for a total of \$32.3 million, none for North Carolina. Cumulative commitments through May 7th are \$2.30 billion including \$76.0 million for North Carolina.

FY 2020:

The Form 471 application window for FY 2020 closed on Wednesday, April 29th. USAC's [preliminary estimate of demand](#) indicates that 38,207 applications (up 6.5% from last year) were received within the window with requests for \$2.91 billion (up only 0.4% from FY 2019).

Wave 1 totaling \$681 million was released on Saturday, May 9th. Funding included \$18.6 million for 201 North Carolina applicants.

E-Rate Updates and Reminders

CDW-G BEAR Processing Update:

Applicants awaiting BEAR payments on CDW-G products began receiving letters from CDW-G last week seeking details on those BEAR invoices. This is an attempt to resolve a longstanding problem that began almost a year ago. Last November, CDW-G acknowledged “pricing errors” that had led to overcharges on applicant bills and subsequent delays in processing invoices submitted to USAC (see our [newsletter of November 25th](#)). Last week’s letters included the following statement:

CDW-G has closely coordinated with USAC about the pending invoices and how to ensure that they are processed. CDW-G and USAC agreed that CDW-G would conduct an outreach and to that end, CDW-G is asking all affected BEAR customers to provide information to CDW-G about the pending invoices. This information will allow CDW-G to provide USAC with the detailed information it needs to process the invoices. The specific information that CDW-G will need for [redacted] District is listed below. Your CDW-G Sales Team will be personally reaching out to you to discuss this process, gather the information, and address any questions you may have.

More specifically, the letters requested the following information:

- CDW-G customer invoice number(s)
- Item(s) and quantities invoiced to USAC
- The amount invoiced to USAC for each item or items

Applicants not receiving letters regarding delayed CDW-G BEARs may wish to contact the company by calling either 847-465-6000 or 800-808-4239, following prompts to the Government and Education Sales group, and asking for contact information for their CDW-G account managers.

USAC News Brief Dated May 8 – Overview of the PIA Review Process

[USAC's Schools and Libraries News Brief of May 8, 2020](#), outlines the basic PIA review process. Although this guidance is a bit belated, given that over 20,000 FY 2020 applications have already been funded or are "Wave Ready," the News Brief provides a nice summary of the three major processing steps: Initial Review, Final Review, and Quality Assurance.

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