

# OUSF - UPDATE FY 2017-18



# OUSF AT A GLANCE

## OUSF FOR OKLAHOMA SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES, & Health Care:

- Competitive Bidding
- Lowest Cost Reasonable Qualifying Bid (LCRQB)
- Affidavits
- Preapproval
- Requesting Funding





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Oklahoma Universal Service Fund



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# COMPETITIVE BIDDING

- The following are requirements for request for bids per Statute and Commission rules:
  - The bidder must be an eligible provider as defined in statute
  - Bidding should not be structured in a manner to exclude carriers eligible to receive OUSF funding where the OUSF Beneficiary is located.
    - The bid request must require ineligible services be priced separately from OUSF eligible services.
    - The bid request shall not require that the Internet and WAN be provided by the same eligible provider.
    - The bid request shall clearly identify the bandwidth range requested by the OUSF Beneficiary
  - Bids must contain all costs to provide the Special Universal Service. Any bid containing estimated costs, other than fees and taxes to be paid to a third party, will be disregarded as not meeting bid requirements.
  - Bids that do not conform to requirements for public entities may be disregarded.

# SETDA BANDWIDTH STANDARDS

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS		
School Year	2017-18 Targets	2020-21 Targets
<b>Small School District (fewer than 1,000 students)</b>	At least 1.5 Mbps per user (Minimum 100 Mbps for district)	At least 4.3 Mbps per user (Minimum 300 Mbps for district)
<b>Medium School District Size (3,000 students)</b>	At least 1.0 Gbps per 1,000 users <sup>^</sup>	At least 3.0 Gbps per 1,000 users
<b>Large School District (more than 10,000 students)</b>	At least 0.7 Gbps per 1,000 users	At least 2.0 Gbps per 1,000 users

<sup>^</sup>Published by SETDA 2012; Adopted by the FCC in 2014 <https://www.fcc.gov/general/summary-e-rate-modernization-order>

\*User: students, teachers, administrators, staff, and guests  
Methodology [Appendix A](#)

SETDA, The Broadband Imperative II: Equitable Access for Learning, September 2016

# SETDA BANDWIDTH STANDARDS

WAN RECOMMENDATIONS		
School Year	2017-18 Targets	2020-21 Targets
Connections to each school to link to the internet via a district aggregation point and for in-house administrative functions	At least 10 Gbps per 1,000 users	At least 10 Gbps per 1,000 users
*User: students, teachers, administrators, staff, and guests		

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# LOWEST COST REASONABLE QUALIFYING BID

- ✓ Represents the lowest total cost proposal including monthly recurring and nonrecurring charges for eligible services.
- ✓ Is reasonable to meet the needs of the OUSF Beneficiary as listed in the request for bids.
- ✓ Is submitted during the same competitive bidding period as the awarded bid.
- ✓ Is for a bandwidth within the range requested for bid and selected by the OUSF Beneficiary.
- ✓ Is for the same contract term as the bid that was selected by the OUSF Beneficiary.
- ✓ Meets the requirements specified in the request for bid by the OUSF Beneficiary
- ✓ Was the result of a fair and open competitive bidding process as defined in statute.

# EXAMPLE 25% OUSF CALCULATION

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## Bid Within 25%

- Provider A (Selected Provider)
  - 100 Mbps Monthly Price - \$1,000.00
- Provider B (Lowest Cost Bidder)
  - 100 Mbps Monthly Price - \$900.00
- OUSF eligible amount -  
 $\$900 + 25\% = \$1,125.00$
- OUSF Credit Amount (Erate 80%; OUSF 20%)
  - $\$1000 * .20 = \$200.00$  per mo.

## Bid That Exceeds 25%

- Provider A (Selected Provider)
  - 100 Mbps Monthly Price - \$1,000.00
- Provider B (Lowest Cost Bidder)
  - 100 Mbps Monthly Price - \$700.00
- OUSF eligible amount -  
 $\$700 + 25\% = \$875.00$
- OUSF Credit Amount (Erate 80%; OUSF 20%)
  - $\$875 * .20 = \$175.00$  per mo.
- Beneficiary out-of-pocket
  - $\$200.00 - \$175.00 = \$25.00$  per mo.



# REQUESTING FUNDING

Pre Approval & Service Provider funding requests  
Schools & Libraries



# HOUSE AFFIDAVITS

- Use the Affidavit for:
  - Preapproval of Funding
  - Request for Funding
  - Request for Change in Funding



# HOW TO GET OUSF FUNDING

## OUSF BENEFICIARY – PRE APPROVAL

- Pre approval is a new process available to OUSF Beneficiaries who desire to have certainty regarding the amount that will be paid from the OUSF.
- The OUSF Beneficiary will submit an OUSF preapproval request between **January** and **March**.
- The OUSF Administrator will review the documentation submitted with the request and issue a preapproval funding letter to the OUSF Beneficiary and eligible provider within 90 days of a properly completed preapproval request. (**April and June**)
- An OUSF preapproval funding letter will be issued without a Commission order.

# HOW TO GET OUSF FUNDING

- **Requesting Funding (Provider initiated) July - June**
  - An eligible provider may seek and obtain funds from the OUSF by filing a “Request for OUSF Funding” with the Commission Court Clerk’s Office. *(Providers have 60 days from the start of service to file the Request for Funding if a Preapproval Funding Letter was issued.)*
  - The OUSF Administrator will review and determine the accuracy of the complete request and issue a Determination of funding within 60 days if a preapproval funding letter was issued or within 90 days if no preapproval funding letter was issued.
  - Any affected party may file a request for reconsideration of the determined funding within 15 days of the Determination being filed.
  - A Determination of funding will be issued without a Commission order.

Changes in service or price after a pre-approval funding letter has been issued will require an updated Affidavit.



# QUESTIONS?

# OUSF HELPFUL LINKS



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