



CSFO Introduction to the E-rate Program

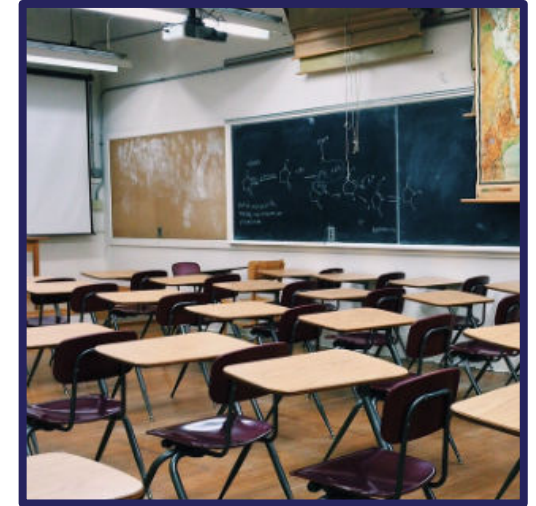
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Schools & Libraries (E-rate) Program

Mission

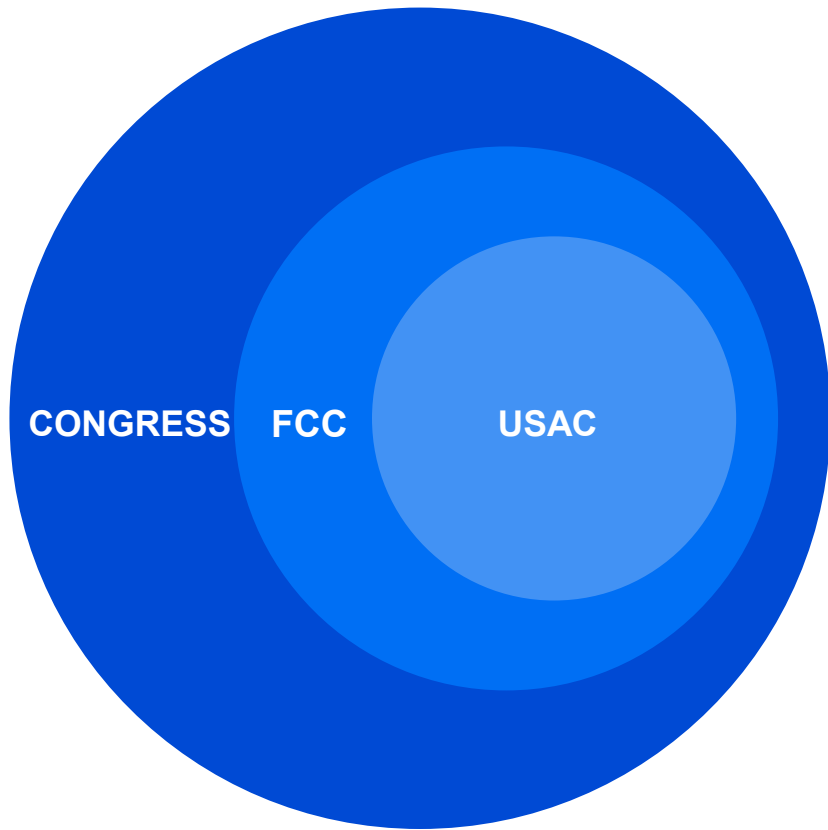
Ensure that schools and public libraries can obtain high-speed internet access and telecommunications at affordable rates and keep students and library patrons connected to broadband by providing a discount on eligible services.

Discount Rates are based on a district's enrollment, rural/urban status, and NSLP percentages.



OVERVIEW

WHO MAKES THE RULES?



- Congress wrote the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which directed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish the E-rate Program and other programs.
- The FCC issues orders that set rules and policies for the program and gives direction to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) through orders.
- USAC is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the E-rate Program.

What does E-rate Fund?

Category 1 and Category 2

- Category 1 – What it takes (costs) to get the internet TO the schools. (No Cap)
 1. Internet
 - State Internet Consortium – ASC (Alabama Super Computer)
 - USAC pays your E-rate Discount to ASC
 - ALSDE pays the rest- Up to 750 mbps

750 mbps

USAC pays 80%

SDE pays 20%

LEA pays 0

1 gbps

USAC pays 80%

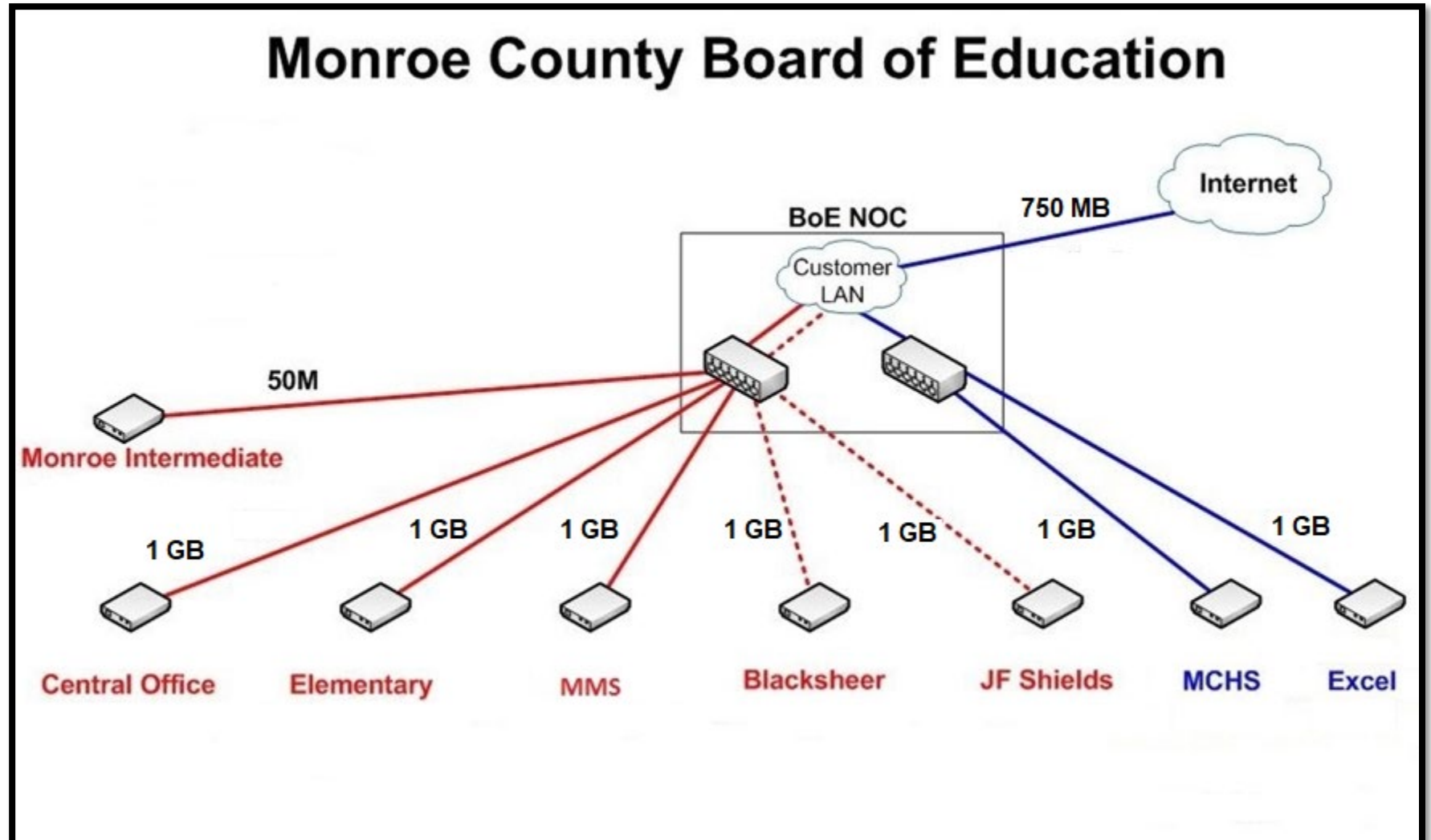
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LEA pays 20% of difference between 750 mbps & 1 gbps

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- 2. Fiber WAN Connections



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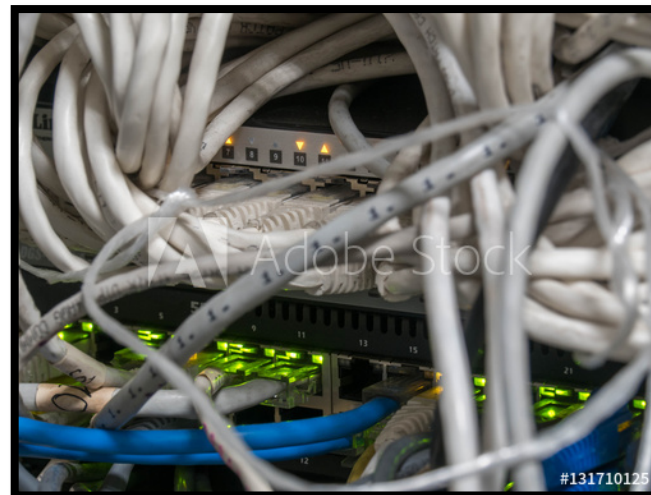
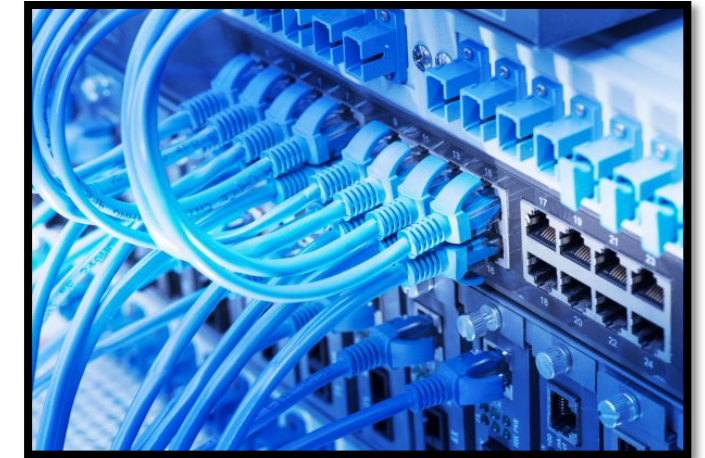
- Monthly recurring costs
 - \$14,256.00
 - Erate pays 80%, \$11,404.80
 - Our 20%, \$2,851.20 per month

What does E-rate Fund?

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- Category 2 – What it takes (costs) to get the internet TO the students within the buildings.
(Cap – Budget - \$167 per student)

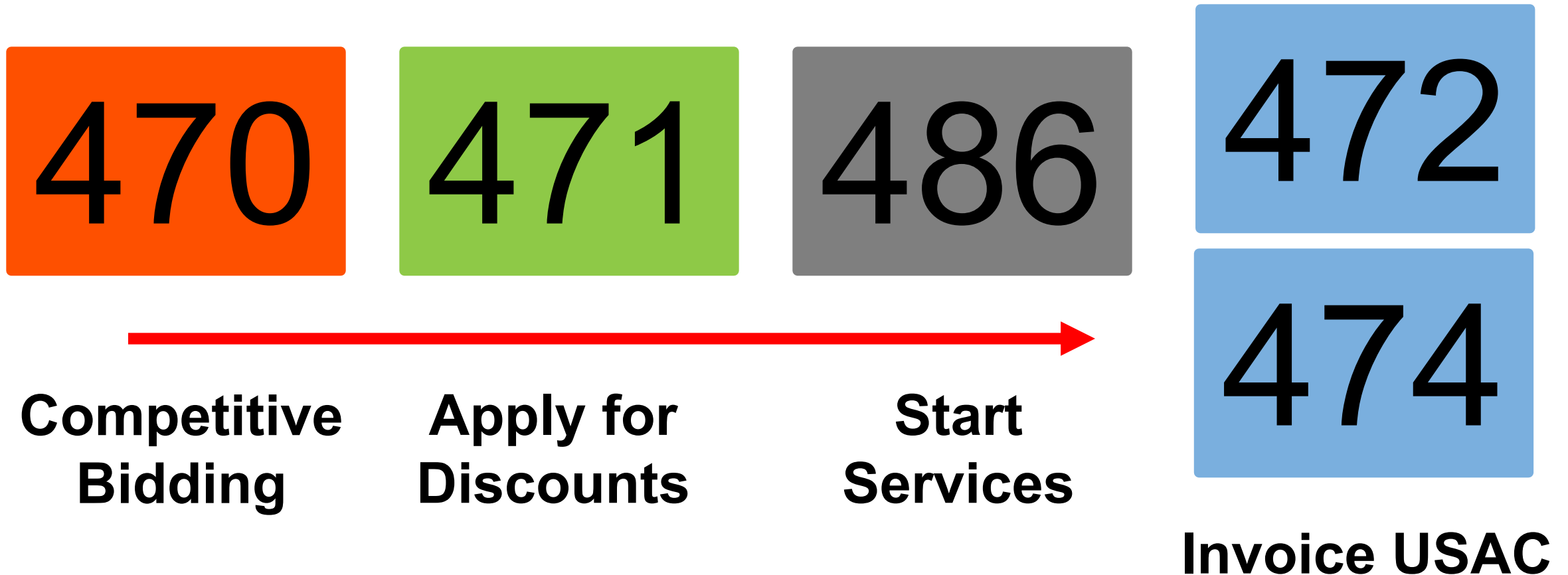
- Network Switches
- Wireless Access Points
- Cabling



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Schools and Libraries Application Process

What Is the Application Process?



Competitive Bidding

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- Run an open and fair competitive bidding process.
- Wait 28 days before choosing a service provider.
- Evaluate bids using the price of the eligible services as the primary factor.

Apply for Discounts

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- Provide information about your requests (service providers, costs of services, discount level).
- Answer USAC review questions.
- Receive your funding commitment decision.

Start Services

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- Tell USAC your services have started.
- Verify your CIPA* compliance.
- Answer USAC review questions.

* CIPA = Children's Internet Protection Act

Invoice USAC (BEAR Form)

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- Certify FCC Form 498 to provide your banking information – and backup documents – to USAC for review.
- Pay your customer bill (the bill from your service provider) in full.
- Answer any USAC review questions.

Invoice USAC (SPI Form)

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- Pay your discounted customer bill (the bill from your service provider).
- Your service provider will invoice USAC for the discount amount.
- Answer any USAC review questions.

Simple, right?

Then why am I confused?



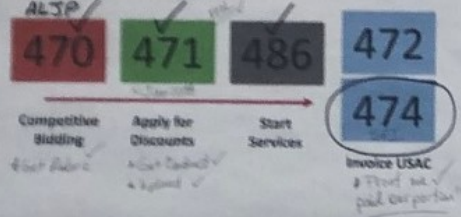
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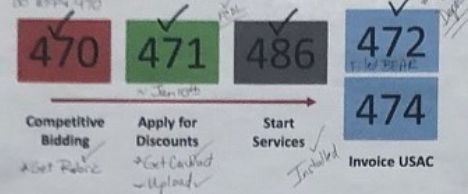
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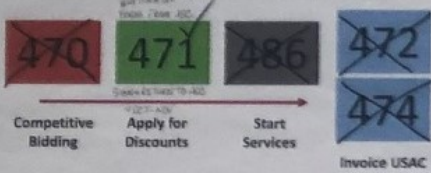
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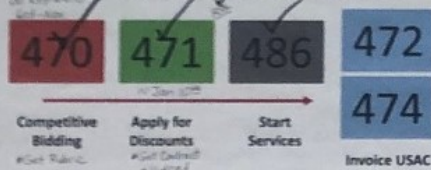
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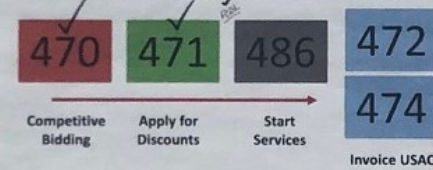
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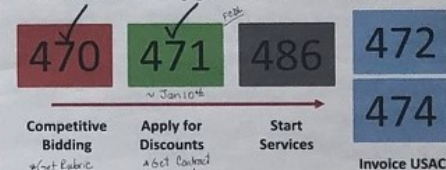
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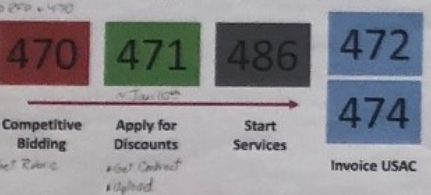
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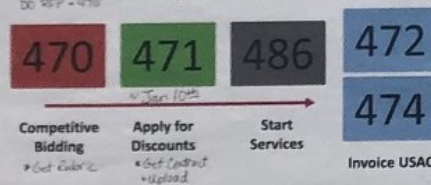
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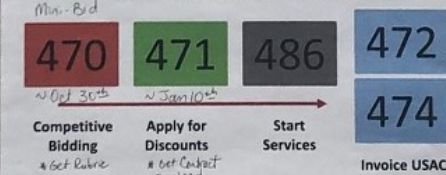
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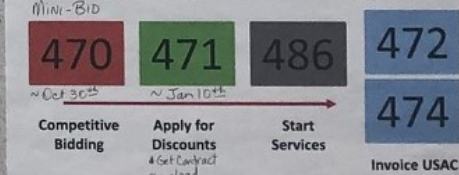
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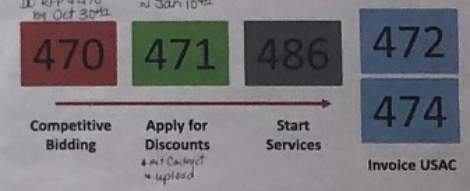
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	ALJP2019-2-002	Absolute		Synergetics	11/1/2019	10/31/2022	dpalmer@SynergeticsDCS.com
	ALJP2019-001	Acer	Chromebooks; Desktop Computers; Laptops/Notebooks; Tablets; Chromebox	CDI Technologies	7/1/2019	6/30/2022	AFrustaci@cditechnologies.com ; dan.boshers@trox.com ; charlotte.daves@trox.com
	ALJP2019-002	Acer	Chromebooks; Desktop Computers; Laptops/Notebooks	Howard Technology Solutions, a division of Howard Industries, Inc.	7/1/2019	6/30/2022	nwhite@howard.com ; jjefcoat@howard.com ; RDearman@howard.com
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