

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LETTER OF AGENCY PROGRAM YEAR 2024-2027**

This is to confirm our participation in the State of Mississippi E-Rate Consortium for the procurement of Telecommunications, Internet Access, and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections. I hereby authorize Office of Technology and Strategic Services at the Mississippi Department of Education, and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) to submit FCC Form 470, FCC Form 471, and other E-rate forms to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company on behalf of our school system listed at the end of this letter. I also hereby grant authorization to respond to or meet with the FCC, USAC, SLD, PIA and their contracted agents when acting on our behalf. Contracting agents could include, but are not limited to auditors, site reviewers, and any other person or organization acting as an agent for the FCC or USAC.

I understand that, in submitting these forms on our behalf, you are making certifications for our school system. By signing this Letter of Agency, I make the following certifications:

- (a) I certify that the schools in our system under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 7801(18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million.
- (b) I certify that our schools has/have secured access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity, necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that to the extent that the Billed Entity is passing through the non-discounted charges for the services requested under this Letter of Agency, that the entities I represent have secured access to all of the resources to pay the non-discounted charges for eligible services from funds to which access has been secured in the current funding year.
- (c) I certify that the services the school, library or district purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.500(k).
- (d) I certify that our schools have complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- (e) I acknowledge that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.
- (f) I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least ten years after the last day of service delivered. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts, and that if audited, I will make such records available to the Administrator. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.
- (g) I certify that I am authorized to order telecommunications and other supported services for the eligible entity(ies) covered by this Letter of Agency. I certify that I am authorized to make this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) covered by this Letter of Agency, that I have examined this Letter, that all of the information on this Letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entities that will be receiving discounted services under this Letter pursuant to this application have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of the program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone and that false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.

(h) I acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. I will institute reasonable measures to be informed, and will notify USAC should I be informed or become aware that I or any of the entities, or any person associated in any way with my entity and/or the entities, is convicted of a criminal violation or held civilly liable for acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism.

(i) I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the non-discount portion of the costs for eligible services will not be paid by the service provider. I acknowledge that the provision, by the provider of a supported service, of free services or products unrelated to the supported service or product constitutes a rebate of some or all of the cost of the supported services.

(j) I certify that I am authorized to sign this Letter of Agency and, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all information provided to Management Information Systems, Mississippi Department of Education for E-Rate submission is true.

Full District Name: _____

BEN Number: _____

Signature of authorized person: _____

Printed name of authorized person: _____

Title or position of authorized person: _____

Date signed: _____