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FCC Seeks Comment on Proposed Changes to E-rate Program

EDMOND, OKLA. (Aug. 21, 2008) – Schools and libraries nationwide are preparing for possible changes to the E-rate program for the 2009-2010 school year. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), and the organization seeks public comment on a number of these proposed revisions to the E-rate program. The changes outlined in the NPRM are substantial, and focus on the products and services that the E-rate program supports.

The FCC is seeking public comment on whether costs for items such as Internet content filtering software, anti-virus software, anti-spam software, advanced firewalls, scheduling services, and telephone broadcast messaging should be discounted with the support of E-rate funding.

In addition, the FCC is asking E-rate stakeholders to offer their opinions of changes in several program definitions, such as interconnected VoIP, and basic phone service.

Public comments regarding these changes to the E-rate program must be submitted to the FCC by Sept. 18. Anyone wishing to reply to submitted comments can do so before Oct. 3.

For a complete summary of the NPRM, visit
<http://www.fundsforlearning.com/content/view/1148/89/>.

About Funds For Learning

Funds For Learning, LLC, is an E-rate compliance firm specializing in guiding E-rate applicants and service providers through the complex and ever-changing E-rate regulatory process. With more than 10 years of experience in providing professional advice and assistance relating to the E-rate program, Funds For Learning exists to provide high-quality solutions for the needs of E-rate stakeholders. The company was established in 1997 and is headquartered in Edmond, Okla. For more information, visit www.FundsForLearning.com or phone 405-341-4140.

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