E-rate CABIO Internet Bidding Exemption Guide FY 2024



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Commercially Available Bundled Internet Option

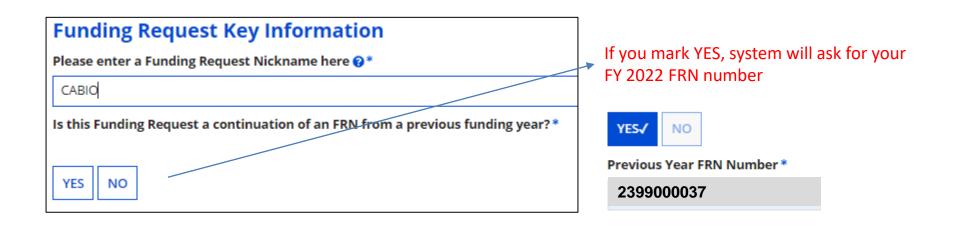
- Schools and libraries seeking "Commercially-Available Business Class Internet Services" are not required to file a Form 470
- Commercially Available means that it is publicly available to non-residential customers (such as enterprise, small business, or other government customers) in the same form and at the same rates that it is offered to schools or libraries
 - In layman's terms, this means an internet service that is available on a vendor's website for its business customers.
 - Typically only Cable-Modem, DSL, or FIOS Internet Service
- Minimum speeds must be 100 Mbps downstream and 10 Mbps upstream
- Cost must be \$3,600 or less annually (pre-discount)
 - Cost must be per-building and cannot be averaged across multiple buildings
 - \$3,600 includes any installation costs, equipment rental, taxes and fees

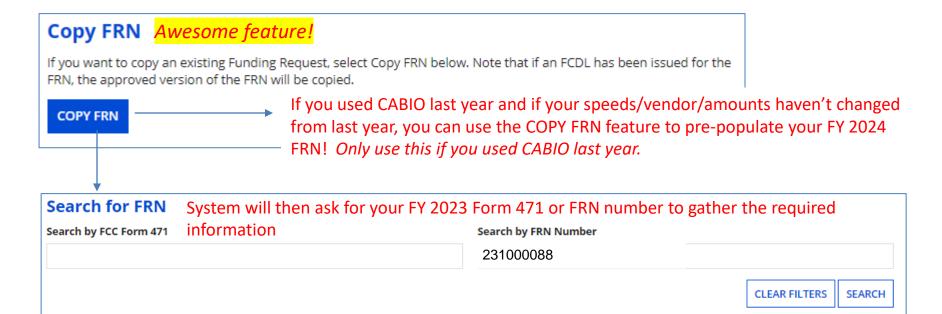
The CABIO option is geared toward small libraries and small non-public schools using cable modem-type services

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- If your service qualifies for the CABIO Bidding Exemption, you can skip the Form 470 (competitive bidding form) and go straight to the Form 471 E-rate application form!
- Form 471 application window is typically open from mid January mid March
- The following pages show what data to enter on the Form 471 when using CABIO
- Schools and libraries seeking "Commercially-Available Business Class Internet Services" are not required to file a Form 470

Form 471 Answers for CABIO





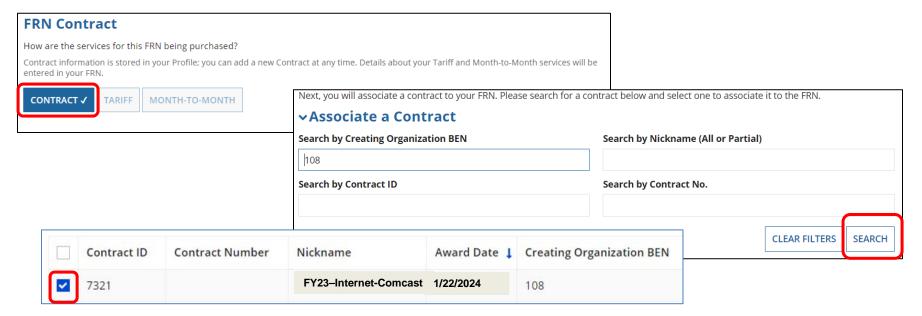
CABIO, MTM Services

- MTM Services: Applicants can elect to purchase CABIO services on a month-tomonth basis and not sign a contract
 - Proceed directly to the Form 471



CABIO, Contracted Services

- Contracted Services: Applicants using CABIO may sign vendor contracts, but they're not required
 - Can be multi-year contract
 - If a new contract is signed, the applicant should first create a Contract Record in EPC (http://e-ratepa.org/?p=34001), then proceed to the Form 471 and follow these steps on the Form 471 to link the FRN to the Contract Record:



More Form 471 Answers

