

E-rate CABIO Internet Bidding Exemption Guide FY 2024



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CABIO Internet Bidding Exemption

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

CABIO Internet Bidding Exemption

- 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

Funding Request Key Information

Please enter a Funding Request Nickname here ⓘ*

Is this Funding Request a continuation of an FRN from a previous funding year?*

If you mark YES, system will ask for your FY 2022 FRN number

Previous Year FRN Number*

2399000037

Copy FRN **Awesome feature!**

If you want to copy an existing Funding Request, select Copy FRN below. Note that if an FCDL has been issued for the FRN, the approved version of the FRN will be copied.

If you used CABIO last year and if your speeds/vendor/amounts haven't changed from last year, you can use the COPY FRN feature to pre-populate your FY 2024 FRN! *Only use this if you used CABIO last year.*

Search for FRN

System will then ask for your FY 2023 Form 471 or FRN number to gather the required information

Search by FCC Form 471

Search by FRN Number

231000088

CABIO, MTM Services

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

FRN Contract

How are the services for this FRN being purchased?

Contract information is stored in your Profile; you can add a new Contract at any time. Details about your Tariff and Month-to-Month services will be entered in your FRN.

CONTRACT

TARIFF

MONTH-TO-MONTH ✓

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:

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CONTRACT ✓ TARIFF MONTH-TO-MONTH

Next, you will associate a contract to your FRN. Please search for a contract below and select one to associate it to the FRN.

Associate a Contract

Search by Creating Organization BEN:

Search by Nickname (All or Partial):

Search by Contract ID:

Search by Contract No.:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract ID	Contract Number	Nickname	Award Date ↓	Creating Organization BEN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7321		FY23-Internet-Comcast	1/22/2024	108

More Form 471 Answers

Establishing FCC Form 470

How many bids were received? *

0

List "0" bids were received

Enter the number of bids that you received for this product or service.

Was an FCC Form 470 posted for the product and/or services you are requesting?

This is for a commercially available business class Internet access service exempt from the FCC Form 470 posting requirement.

YES

NO ✓

Select NO – no Form 470 was posted. System will then know you're using CABIO