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| | APPLICATION PROCESS | | | | RECURRING SERVICES | | NON-RECURRING EQUIPMENT/SERVICES | |
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| | Admin Window EPC Profile Updates  | Form 470 Competitive Bidding  | Form 471 Application Window to Request Discounts  | Form 486 Service Start Date + CIPA Certification  | Delivery Dates (Category 1 or 2)  | Form 472 BEAR Invoicing Deadline  | Purchase/Installation Dates  | Form 472 BEAR Invoicing Deadline  |
| FY 2026 | Oct. 15, 2025– Jan. 16, 2026 | July 1, 2025 – Mar. 1, 2026 (29-days before 471 deadline) | Jan. 21, 2026 – April 1, 2026 | 120 days from: FCDL or Service Start Date (whichever is later) | July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 | Oct. 28, 2027 | April 1, 2026 to Sept. 30, 2027 | Jan. 28, 2028 |
| Notes | Update enrollment/NSLP (CEP%) data and C2 budget data in EPC | Don't bid if in an existing, E-rate-valid, multi-year contract that expires on or after June 2027 | A 471 must be filed every year to receive \$\$, even if under multi-year contract | FCDL = Funding Commitment Decision Letter | Broadband, Internet, & maintenance services are considered 'Recurring' | May request a single 120-day extension if submitted by BEAR deadline | Equipment purchases, installation costs are considered 'Non-Recurring' | May request a single 120-day extension if submitted by BEAR deadline |