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FCC Votes to Create E-Rate Bidding Portal

Today, the FCC voted to approve a new centralized bidding portal for the E-Rate program beginning in FY2028-29. The FCC's intent with this portal is to modernize and streamline the competitive bidding process, and while the full scope and implementation details have yet to be released, the move signals a significant shift in how E-Rate procurements may be managed going forward:

- All bids will be submitted through a single FCC-managed online portal
- All communication between applicants and service providers will take place and be documented within the portal
- Supporting documentation related to the bidding process must be uploaded and stored in the system
- The portal will serve as the official record for the entire competitive bidding process
- Both applicants and service providers will be expected to use the system for all bidding-related activity moving forward

We will provide additional information as soon as more details become available. Please stay tuned for further updates.



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