

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**45 CFR Parts 2531 and 2533**

RIN 3045-AA40

Innovative and Demonstration Programs and National Service Fellowships**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") hereby amends its regulations that require the Corporation to announce in the **Federal Register** its grant application procedures, selection criteria, timing, and other requirements. The Grants.gov FIND module is now used by all Federal agencies to post electronically synopses of funding opportunities under Federal financial assistance programs that award discretionary grants and cooperative agreements. In addition, each agency must post the full announcement electronically. (See 68 FR 58146, October 8, 2003) The Corporation fulfills this requirement by posting its grant announcements on its Web site: <http://www.cns.gov.whatshot/notices.html>. These revisions will eliminate provisions in certain regulations that state that the Corporation will publish announcements in the **Federal Register**.

Because the Corporation is required to post its funding opportunities on Grants.gov, and post its full funding announcement electronically on its Web-site (68 FR 58146), the Corporation considers these changes to be administrative in nature. Further, this rule does not meet the definition of "rule" in 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(A) because it is a rule of "particular applicability." Therefore, it is not subject to the congressional review requirements in 5 U.S.C. 801-808.

DATES: These changes are effective as of February 10, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**List of Subjects****45 CFR Part 2531**

Grant programs-social programs, Volunteers.

45 CFR Part 2533

Scholarships and fellowships, Volunteers.

■ For the reasons discussed in the Summary, the Corporation for National and Community Service amends Parts 2531 and 2533 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 2531—INNOVATIVE AND SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 2531 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12501 *et seq.*

§ 2531.30 Other innovative and model programs.

■ 2. In § 2531.30, remove paragraph (c).

PART 2533—SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 2533 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12501 *et seq.*

■ 2. Revise § 2533.10 to read as follows:

§ 2533.10 National service fellowships.

The Corporation may award national service fellowships on a competitive basis.

Dated: February 4, 2004.

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General Counsel.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 54**

[CC Docket No. 02-6; FCC 03-323]

Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission addresses several matters related to the administration of the schools and libraries universal service mechanism (also known as the e-rate program). The adopted rules will advance the goals of the schools and libraries program by making support for internal connections regularly available to a larger number of applicants and by discouraging waste, fraud, and abuse. The Commission also adopts rules that provides additional certainty to applicants by clarifying existing rules and procedures.

DATES: Effective March 11, 2004 except for § 54.513(c) which contains information collection requirements that have not been approved by the Office of

Management Budget (OMB). The Commission will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of that paragraph.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 02-6; FCC 03-323, released on December 23, 2003. There was also a Companion Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking released in CC Docket No. 02-6; FCC 03-323, on December 23, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

I. Introduction and Summary

1. In this Third Report and Order, we address several matters related to the administration of the schools and libraries universal service mechanism (also known as the e-rate program). First, we adopt rules that will limit the ability of schools and libraries to engage in wasteful or fraudulent practices when obtaining internal connections. Specifically, we conclude that eligible entities should be precluded from upgrading or replacing internal connections on a yearly basis. Instead, our rules will permit a particular eligible entity to receive support for discounted internal connections services no more than twice in every five years. We will permit, however, entities to receive discounts on basic maintenance associated with internal connections on a yearly basis, but clarify our rules regarding permissible maintenance costs to ensure that such discounts are appropriately narrow. We also prohibit a school or library from transferring equipment purchased with universal service discounts, as part of eligible internal connections services, for a period of three years except in limited circumstances. These rules will advance the goals of the schools and libraries program by making support for internal connections regularly available to a larger number of applicants and by discouraging waste, fraud, and abuse. We also adopt a rule creating a more formal process for updating annually the list of services eligible for support. In addition, we codify the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC or the Administrator) current