

# Memorandum



**Date:** June 3, 2013

**To:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

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**Subject:** Information on the e-Rate Program

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At the April 12, 2013 Finance Committee, Commissioner Juan C. Zapata requested information on the federal e-Rate Program. More specifically, it was asked if this program could be extended to parks and non-profit organizations within Miami-Dade County.

The information provided in this brief memorandum was obtained directly from the website of the Universal Service Administrative Company ([www.usac.org](http://www.usac.org)) that administers the Schools and Libraries Program, commonly known as "e-Rate". The program provides discounts of up to 90 percent to help most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access.

Currently, the Miami-Dade Library System participates in the e-Rate Program through the State of Florida contract and continues to evaluate e-Rate eligible services to take maximum advantage of the Program.

Schools that participate in the e-Rate program include non-profit institutional day or residential schools, including elementary and secondary schools. Schools operating as for-profit businesses or that have endowments exceeding \$50 million are not eligible. In addition there are non-traditional education facilities that qualify to receive e-Rate program discounts. These facilities, according to Federal Communications Commission rules, have to provide elementary or secondary education to its student population and can include the provision of Head Start, pre-kindergarten, juvenile justice, and adult education.

The Information Technology Department is currently working with Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces and the County's social services departments to identify if the County has facilities that would qualify under the terms above that can take further advantage of the e-Rate Program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angel Petisco, Chief Information Officer/Information Technology Department Director, at 305-596-8700.

- c. R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney  
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Raymond Santiago, Director, Library System  
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FOLLOWUP INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

REQUESTER: (ALL), ASSIGNED TO: ED MARQUEZ, STATUS: PENDING. BODY: (ALL)

AGENDA INFO	BODY	REQUESTER	INSTRUCTIONS	ASSIGNED TO	DUE DATE	STATUS
1D2 130610 COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION <u>18</u>	FC 4/9/2013	Heyman	Commissioner Heyman asked Mr. Angel Petisco, Information Technology Department Director to provide Finance Committee members with information on the projected savings associated with integrating Information Technology systems/functions as a result of project/departamental consolidations, particularly in the areas of Public Safety, Criminal Justice and the Courts.	Ed Marquez <u>ITD</u>	5/14/2013	Pending
1D2 130610 COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION <u>19</u>	FC 4/9/2013	Heyman	Commissioner Heyman asked Mr. Lester Sola, Internal Services Department Director to provide her with an accounting of User Access Program (UAP) fee numbers. She also asked Mr. Sola to inform local municipalities that they could purchase fuel from the County at a lower cost and also eligible to receive access to federal contracts.	Ed Marquez <u>ISD</u>	5/14/2013	Pending
1D2 130610 COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION <u>20</u>	FC 4/9/2013	Zapata	Commissioner Zapata asked Mr. Angel P. Petisco, Information Technology Department Director to explore options whether the E-Rate programs for learning institutions could be extended to local parks and other not-for-profit organizations that received public funding.	Ed Marquez <u>ITD</u>	5/14/2013	Pending

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