

APPROACHING DEADLINES:

October 23	Registration deadline for Technology Training Academy – week of November 10
October 28	E-Rate FY 2007 BEAR (Form 472) and SPI (Form 474) Deadlines
October 29	E-Rate FY 2008 Form 486 Deadline (Funded Waves 1-10)
October 31	Registration Deadline for Ohio K-12 Network Grant
November 12	Student Video Contest Entry Deadline
Nov. 19 – Dec. 15	Administrator PD Workshop Deadlines (register up to the day of the workshops)
November 30	Deadline for Call for Volunteers for Conference '09

eTech Ohio Connections

Please visit www.etech.ohio.gov/connections/ to access eTech Ohio's monthly newsletter. *Connections* features up-to-date information about eTech Ohio's programs, services and unique articles about our affiliates and partners.

E-Rate Filing Reminders - FY 2007 BEAR (Form 472) and SPI (Form 474) Deadlines

The deadline for filing invoices with Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for discounts on recurring services received during the 2007-2008 fiscal year is October 28th. This deadline applies to you if the date on your Form 486 Notification Letter is on or before June 30, 2008. The deadline applies to both applicant BEARs (Form 472) and service provider SPIs (Form 474). Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service, or 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later.

FY 2008 Form 486 Deadlines:

The deadline for filing a Form 486 (containing the necessary certifications on technology plan approval and CIPA compliance) is the later of 120 days from either the funding date or the start of services. For funding awarded in FY 2008 waves 1-10, a service start date of July 1, 2008, would mean a Form 486 filing deadline of October 29, 2008.

The filing deadlines for the next five waves are as follows:	
Wave 11	11/05/2008
Wave 12	11/12/2008
Wave 13	11/13/2008
Wave 14	11/19/2008
Wave 15	11/21/2008

If you have not received a Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) for FY 2008, you can check the status of your application by going to the USAC website at www.sl.universalservice.org/menu.asp and clicking on Application Status listed under Form 471.

Ohio K-12 Network Grant

Deadline for the Ohio K-12 Network Grant is **October 31**. For the FY09 funding cycle, districts will need to complete the online application including an updated WAN diagram. Applicants are also required to have completed an eligible Funding Year 2008 E-Rate application. Contact your educational technology consultant if you need assistance updating your WAN diagram. www.etech.ohio.gov/go/etc/.

Administrator PD Workshops

eTech Ohio will offer two hands-on professional development workshops for administrators in five regional locations around the state this fall and winter. Additionally, administrators will receive an iPod to use during the workshop and take with them to their districts. Each workshop is limited to 20 people.

Nov. 19	Apollo Career Center Adult Resource Center, Lima
Dec. 2	Muskingum Valley ESC, Mahoning Room, Zanesville
Dec. 4	Southern State Community College, Sardinia
Dec. 11	Western Reserve Public Media (WNEO, PBS 45/49), Kent
Dec. 15	eTech Ohio, Columbus
Visit http://www.etech.ohio.gov/web_services/optracking.jsp to register.	

Technology Training Academy

Registration is now open for the Technology Training Academy (TTA). Visit www.etech.ohio.gov/go/tta for the course catalog with descriptions of the sessions. TTA workshops are an excellent opportunity for district technical staff to be trained by manufacturer certified, professional trainers along-side of their peers. This highly specialized technical training and networking opportunity is provided at a tremendous discount from the retail value. A participant only pays \$50 for each TTA workshop they attend. New workshops include CompTIA A+ Certified IT Technician and Windows Server 2008 Active Directory Fundamentals. Deadlines for fall workshops during the weeks of November 3 and 10 are listed above.

Conference '09

Online Registration Now Open

Ohio's largest professional development event will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center February 2-4, 2009. The Call for Volunteers is open through **November 30**. This volunteer opportunity extends your professional development dollars and gives teachers and staff the opportunity to attend the Conference at no cost.


Student Video Contest

eTech Ohio, the Ohio Public Television Stations, and the Ohio Department of Education are proud to present the sixth annual Student Video Contest (SVC). The purpose of the 2009 SVC is to recognize outstanding Ohio student achievement in the use of video production technologies while meeting Ohio academic content standards. The three categories are below; each has 2 grade band sections.

- *Teaching and Learning Through Story Telling - Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12*
- *Sharing Expertise by Demonstrating a Concept - Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12*
- *Connections to the World - Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12*

Submissions are being accepted at local Public Television stations through **November 12, 2008**. Rules, applications and contact information can be found at www.etech.ohio.gov/go/svc. Now is the time for teachers and students to begin working on entries for the 2009 SVC.

Technology Planning

Over 700 technology plans for Ohio school districts will expire on **June 30, 2009**. As in the past, eTech Ohio will continue to provide the comprehensive Technology Planning Tool (TPT) for districts to use. However, now districts will have the option of completing only the mandatory E-Rate components of the TPT. The sections of the TPT that correspond with these mandatory E-Rate criteria will be marked with the  **E-Rate Critical** logo. While requiring only the mandatory E-Rate criteria will simplify the technology planning process for many districts, all districts will still be able to take advantage of the entire TPT resource to create a comprehensive technology plan.

Introduction to Technology Planning

www.etech.ohio.gov/go/TPIntro

TPT Guided Tour

www.etech.ohio.gov/jcore_images/programs/tpt/tour/

Technical Reference Library and Technical Resource Interviews

eTech Ohio is pleased to announce the continued availability of two online technical resources. The Technical Reference Library provides just-in-time access to over 7,000 publications to assist with troubleshooting and certification paths. Technical Resource Interviews deliver awareness and foundational information on technologies and strategies to aid total cost of ownership and efficiency. Visit www.etech.ohio.gov/resources these technical resources.

Update Your Hall Pass Profile

As the new school year gets underway, please remember to make sure your Hall Pass profile is up-to-date. If your account is disabled or you have forgotten your password, contact customerservice@etech.ohio.gov.

Note: Accounts are disabled after two years of inactivity.