



## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Amanda Robertson, Chair  
Franklin Gomez Flores, Vice Chair  
David Delaney  
Karen Howard  
Katie Kenlan

COUNTY MANAGER: Bryan Thompson

I hereby authorize Sound E-rate, Inc. to submit FCC Form 470, FCC Form 471, and other related E-Rate / USAC forms and letters on behalf of Chatham County ("Applicant") via the USAC One Portal (includes E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC), Emergency Connectivity Funding (ECF), or other to-be-determined One Portal items), and to act as our agent on all matters related to the E-Rate and other USAC designated programs. This authorization includes related correspondence with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Schools and Libraries Division (SLD), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Service Providers, and State or local agencies as needed.

This Letter of Agency shall govern Funding Years 2026-2030 (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031).

I understand that in submitting these forms on our behalf, Sound E-rate, Inc. will be making certifications for Applicant. By signing this Letter of Agency, I certify that:

- (1) Applicant is eligible for E-Rate support because Applicant and all associated entities listed on the Form 471 meet the definition of Eligible Recipients pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.501.
- (2) Applicant has secured access to funds and resources to pay the discounted charges for eligible services during the current funding year and will pay the non-discounted portion of the goods and services to the service provider(s). Applicant has access to all of the resources needed to make effective use of the equipment and services funded by the E-Rate program including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity.
- (3) Applicant will review and carefully consider all bids submitted for E-Rate services, selecting the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology goals where price has been the primary factor considered.
- (4) Applicant will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws regarding the procurement of goods and services for which E-Rate support is being sought.
- (5) Applicant's entities, representatives or designated agents have not received anything of value or the promise of anything of value from a service provider or on behalf of a service provider, other than the services and equipment requested for E-Rate support.
- (6) Applicant will comply with all E-Rate program rules, including recordkeeping requirements, and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments.
- (7) Applicant will procure signed contracts or other legally binding agreements that cover all goods and services requested for E-Rate support, except for those goods and services provided under non-contracted, tariffed or month-to-month arrangements.

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- (8) Applicant acknowledges that failure to comply with E-Rate program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution.
- (9) Applicant will ensure that the individual schools with shared services will receive appropriate shares of those services.
- (10) Applicant will retain required documents for a period of at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification) after the last day of service delivered.
- (11) Applicant will use all services and goods procured with E-Rate discounts solely for educational purposes and will not sell, resell, or transfer such purchases in consideration for money or any other thing of value, and that the disposal of any replaced or discarded equipment or goods will follow USAC guidelines and regulations.

I further certify that I am authorized to sign this letter of agency on behalf of Applicant and, to the best of my knowledge, believe that all information provided to be accurate and true.

**Applicant:**

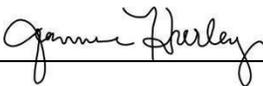
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Bryan Thompson

Title: County Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sound E-Rate, Inc.:**

Signature: 

Printed Name: Jeannene Hurley

Title: Consultant

Date: July 1, 2025