SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES BROADBAND MARKETPLACE

THE BANDWIDTH ASSESSMENT TOOL & BROADBAND DEMAND PORTAL

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Cooperative Development

At the encouragement of the FCC, CQA, working with the Wisconsin Broadband Office at the Public Service Commission, partnered with the non-profit group Education SuperHighway, to develop a set of tools to assist E-rate participants to accurately interpret their bandwidth needs prior to submitting their FCC Form 470. Wisconsin became the BETA launch site and the tool was officially launched in March 2017.

Bandwidth needs are assessed based on demand and usage for:

-Video
-Voice
-Audio
-Administrative Tools
-Data /Smartphone/ Tablets

Visit our website or contact us directly to discuss ways that CQA can help your community be more informed about access to broadband.

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The Schools & Libraries Bandwidth Assessment Tool and the Broadband Demand Portal make up the **Schools & Libraries Broadband Marketplace**. These tools support the FCC's E-rate program for both E-rate participants and broadband providers.

As an FCC E-rate participant filing the FCC Form 470, you need an accurate and real-world bandwidth assessment to help you understand broadband requirements across your schools, districts, and libraries in a growing Internet-intensive educational system. CostQuest Associates (CQA) understands that the challenge of determining bandwidth needs is often an imprecise and inconsistent process.

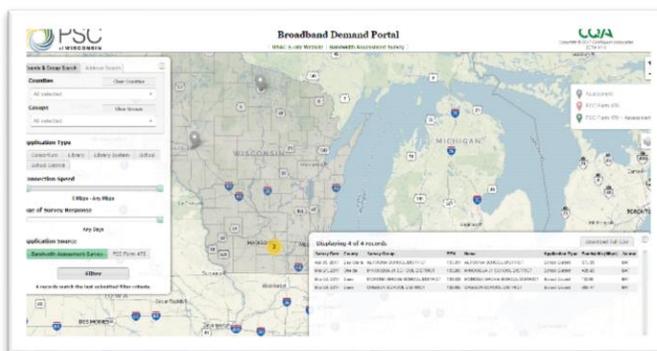Our web-based applications were developed to support the E-rate program in two ways:

The Schools and Libraries Bandwidth Assessment Tool helps you understand your bandwidth needs through a three-phase approach:

Assessment—demographic information, use, and capacity metrics are gathered.

Recommendation—through a series of algorithms based on assessment input, an accurate and real-word assessment of bandwidth need is calculated.

Reporting and Outreach—a printable and downloadable bandwidth assessment recommendation is produced that can be used to inform and supplement your FCC Form 470 posting.

The Broadband Demand Portal unites demand with supply by allowing ISPs to identify organizations across the state who have either taken a Bandwidth Assessment or applied for E-rate funding.

Portal features include:

- Convenient filtering options.
- Map markers to display Form 470 and assessments.
- A tabular results table allows for downloading participant information.

Contact us for a demonstration of these tools and learn how CQA's E-rate services can benefit your organization.

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