



**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
FOR E-RATE MATCH AND INELGIBLES**

March 19, 2012

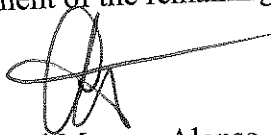
The undersigned, Edward Moreno Alonso, Ed. D., Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Education (the "Department"), hereby certifies and warrants that on or before July 1, 2012, **NINE MILLION DOLLARS (\$9,000,000)** in local funds will be available to pay the Department's required 10% match under the federal E-Rate program, and to pay the cost of any ineligible items or services (collectively, the "Department E-Rate Match") being procured in connection with the Department's FY2012 E-Rate program, pursuant to RFP SF (OC) 2011-008 (Telecommunications, Internet Access and Basic Maintenance) and RFP SF (OC) 2011-017 (Internal Connections).

The undersigned further certifies that the funds to be made available for payment of the Department's E-Rate Match for FY2012 shall be appropriated, encumbered and used exclusively for payment of the Department E-Rate Match for services to be delivered between July 1, 2012 and September 30, 2013.

The undersigned further certifies and warrants that none of the funds to be made available for payment of the Department's E-Rate Match are from gifts, donations or contributions of any kind, from any of the service providers selected by the Evaluation Committee to participate in the Department's FY2012 E-Rate program.

It is understood and agreed that the funds to be made available to pay the Department's E-Rate Match shall be appropriated and encumbered pursuant to Confirmation of Services and Statement of Work Agreements executed by the Department and each of the selected service providers, in accordance with local procurement and contract processes prior to commencement of any FY2012 E-Rate services.

It is further understood and agreed this Certification of Funds Availability guarantees that the Department will fulfill its payment obligations under the E-Rate program, but does not guarantee that E-Rate funds will be approved by the Universal Service Administrative Company for payment of the remaining 90% portion of the costs of approved E-Rate eligible services.


Edward Moreno Alonso, Ed. D.
Secretary
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