

NJ Digital Readiness for Learning & Assessment Project- Regional Broadband Component

Project Timeline

As the project progresses from introductory seminars through network installation and operation, the DRLAP-Broadband Team will follow a systematic timeline to make sure all phases of work are completed in accordance with the federal E-Rate program timelines.

It is important to note that schools will not receive new E-Rate eligible broadband services via this process in time for fiscal year 2014-15. Instead, these regional procurements are designed to provide long-term solutions for schools beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 and beyond. Schools with short-term requirements for broadband upgrades, especially for upcoming online assessments, should identify themselves to the DLRAP-Broadband Team now in order to start working on an immediate solution.

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>Description of Activities for Schools</i>
Prepare	March & April 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend introductory seminar • Receive Broadband Project Guidance Document and Procurement Survey for Schools
Assess	April May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete school surveys (NJTRAx and Feedback Questionnaire) • Receive Regional Consortium Analysis results (attend meeting)
Design	May & June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return regional procurement participation documents • Review final consortium Design Plan (Request for Proposals/RFP)
Select	July August September October November December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve RFP release • Participate in RFP process • Attend vendor presentations • Review proposals and bid analysis • Participate in bid evaluations • Help select successful vendor(s)
Source	January February & March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve service contracts • Return consortium paperwork • Collect and check documentation for final contract execution
Align	April May June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve final network testing and acceptance protocols • Facilitate network installation; Finalize Evaluation Plan • Accept new service from broadband provider
Employment Stage	July through June 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network go-live • School receives new upgraded broadband service

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