

APPROACHING DEADLINES:

February 12	Filing Window Closes for E-Rate Form 471
March 19	Spring eLearning Course Registration Closes
April 5	Spring eLearning Courses Begin
April 2009	Downloads Available of Concurrent Session Content from Conference
April 2009	Recommended Submission of Technology Plan Draft for Districts with Plans Expiring June 30, 2009

NEW Website

eTech Ohio is pleased to announce the launching of our new website. Still at www.etech.ohio.gov, our website now has the look and feel consistent with all Ohio state agency websites. In addition, it has been set up to cater more directly to the specific audiences we serve. You'll find what you need by going clicking on the Administrators, Educators, Technology Support Staff or Public Broadcasters links from the home page. From there, links are categorized for easy access. Where programs or services overlap audiences, you'll find them in multiple areas.

Hall Pass Profiles

Hall Pass is needed to access online resources such as accessing the Technology Planning Tool, obtaining certificates of participation for the Educational Technology Conference and other continuing education offered by eTech Ohio. Please make sure your Hall Pass profile is up-to-date. You'll find the login at the very top left corner of our website. Hall Pass accounts are disabled after two years of inactivity. If your account has been disabled, contact customerservice@etech.ohio.gov. If you've forgotten your password, click on "Log in" then on the "Forgot your Password?" link and you'll be sent a temporary password immediately.

E-Rate Deadlines

The FY09 application filing window for Form 470 closed on January 15, 2009. The application filing window for Form 471 will close at 11:59 p.m. EST on **February 12, 2009**. The Schools and Libraries Division of USAC urges you to file early and file online! Contact your eTech Ohio educational technology consultant, www.etech.ohio.gov/go/etc/ for assistance.

February E-Rate Form 486 Deadlines

Wave 26 – 2/4/09 Wave 27 – 2/11/09 Wave 28 – 2/18/09

eTech Ohio Connections

Please visit <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/about-us/news-and-events.dot> to access eTech Ohio's newsletter. *Connections* features up-to-date information about eTech Ohio's programs, products and services, as well as unique articles about our affiliates and partners.

Conference '09*Resources Available through Online Conference Planner*

Use the **Online Conference Planner** to browse or search through the entire menu of Conference 2009 session materials and videos. Session materials will include electronic resources made available by presenters. Videos of select speakers will also be made available online.

Conference Evaluation and Certificates of Attendance

Be sure to evaluate the conference at www.etech.ohio.gov/go/2009ConfEval and individual sessions online within the online planner at www.etech.ohio.gov/conference/schedule/. Each session has an evaluation link located on the right side of the page. Certificates of Attendance may be accessed through your eTech Ohio Hall Pass. Login and go to My Applications/Transcripts to print or save a copy of your certificate.

Technology Plan - Submission and Review

If you are one of the many districts whose Technology Plan expires on June 30, 2009, please submit your Tech Plan by **April 2009** for review by your eTech Ohio educational technology consultant (ETC). eTech Ohio advises districts to work closely with your ETC as your tech team is developing your plan. In addition to customary email and phone communications, consider using the "Comments" tab feature within the Technology Planning Tool to post your questions regarding your plan. Your ETC will be notified immediately via email as comments are posted. This feature provides the status of your work to your team members and may be used to collect feedback from your ETC.

To locate your technology plan on our new website, use the following link, www.etech.ohio.gov/technology-planning/index.dot, click on the "Access my Technology Plan(s)" link and follow the directions.

NEW Content now being accepted for *Ohio on iTunes U*

Ohio on iTunes U provides educational digital media resources through a popular national digital media provider, Apple iTunes U, free of charge with unlimited access. The Apple iTunes U platform allows the State of Ohio to showcase education resources, professional development materials, best practices, and student samples which have been produced by a variety of Ohio content providers. As we continue to grow Ohio on iTunes U, eTech Ohio is accepting new content from a variety of stakeholders including school districts. If you would like to add to Ohio's rich offerings on iTunes U, go to www.etech.ohio.gov/go/OhioiTunesU or contact your eTech Ohio educational technology consultant for further details. To experience Ohio on iTunes U, visit Apple's "iTunes U," then "Beyond Campus" to find "Ohio."

eLearning

eTech Ohio's spring eLearning course registration closes on **March 19, 2009** for courses beginning April 5. Visit <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/elearning-online-professional-development/index.dot> to register for any of our online eLearning courses. Learn how to provide professional development to your entire school district in a cost-effective, flexible and convenient 24/7 online learning environment with customizable, unique opportunities. We anticipate upgrades to our current eLearning system in the near future. Therefore, we will not be accepting registration for our summer session of 2009. Please check back for fall registration information.

Visit www.etech.ohio.gov/go/etc/ to contact your eTech Ohio educational technology consultant for further assistance with technology planning, answers to E-Rate questions, web site navigation or technology integration needs.