

**APPROACHING DEADLINES:**

May 2009	E-Rate Form 486 deadlines – Wave 33: 5/5/09; Wave 34: 5/6/09; Wave 35: 5/22/09; Wave 36: 5/22/09; Wave 37: 5/27/09
May 6, 2009	Registration for Ohio's 2010 Educational Technology Conference opens
June 12, 2009	PD Grants – Expenditure deadline for FY09 PD funds
June 19, 2009	PD Grants – Online reporting deadline for Final Reports
June 30, 2009	PD Grants – Signed (paper) Final Expenditure Report (FER) to eTech Ohio

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**Professional Development Grant Reporting**

Reporting deadlines to finalize districts' FY09 Professional Development Grant cycle have been extended and are now available online. Online components of PD reporting are due **June 19**. Signed Final Expenditure Reports (FER) are due to eTech Ohio by **June 30**. Please be sure you've expended (cut a check) any remaining PD grant funds by **June 12**; unexpended funds over \$100 are required to be returned, so be sure to contact your ETC if you have questions about eligible options for utilizing these funds before June 12.

Note that how you access your PD grant opportunity at this point in the process has changed slightly from previous years. Log in to your Hall Pass account, click on the "My Applications/Transcript" link, then on, "Show previously awarded/approved applications." If the opportunity does not show up, or you weren't the person that originally applied for the grant, contact your ETC for assistance.

**Registration for Ohio's 2010 Educational Technology Conference**

Meet thousands of Ohio educators at the state's premiere educational technology professional development conference. Don't miss this opportunity to see emerging technologies and the convergence of existing ones. Learn from your peers and national experts as they share their experiences with technology in the classroom, school building and community.


**Technology Planning – Communication and Further Assistance**

Communicate with your district leadership

Tech Plan administrators should consider communicating with their treasurer and superintendent upon eTech Ohio approval of their tech plan. Plan administrators will be receiving automated communication notifying them that their tech plan is ready for review and their approval. This will ensure completion of the planning and certification processes. Superintendent approval is needed to secure your state certification letter. Be sure to include a hard copy of the certification letter and technology plan with your E-Rate files.

### More assistance with tech planning

To assist you with some common questions about our technology planning framework, we've included links to short audio podcasts of the Technology Planning Tool (TPT). Click on the links below to access audio files that can assist you and your team with more detailed information and examples of the TPT.

Look for  [TPT Podcast](#) within your tech plan to access these files.

To locate your technology plan on our new website, use the following link,

[www.etech.ohio.gov/technology-planning/index.dot](http://www.etech.ohio.gov/technology-planning/index.dot), click on the "Access my Technology Plan(s)" link and follow the directions.

### **FY10 Ohio K-12 Network Building Connectivity Payments**

During FY10, Ohio K-12 connectivity payments will be issued in two installments. Approximately 50% of the funding will be issued during the application period between September and the end of October. The second half of the funding will then be issued in the January/February timeframe, dropping payments for any buildings which might have closed during the first semester. The change is necessary to be flexible in reacting to any FY10 state budget cuts that may occur.

### **Hall Pass Reactivation**

Hall Pass accounts are disabled after two years of inactivity. If your account has been disabled, contact [customerservice@etech.ohio.gov](mailto: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. Hall Pass is needed to access online resources such as the Technology Planning Tool, 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 link at the top left corner of our website.

### ***Ohio on iTunes U – News***

#### Site Navigation

To access Ohio on iTunes U, go to the iTunes store, select *iTunes U* and scroll down to the *Educational Provider* container on the left side of the page and click *Beyond Campus*. This will open an alphabetic search where you will find *Ohio*. Creating links directly to content on *Ohio on iTunes U* is easy; simply right click on an icon to copy the URL. Ask your ETC for more details.

[2009 Conference Sessions are available on Ohio on iTunes U](#)

### **eTech Ohio Connections**

Please visit <http://www.etech.ohio.gov/about-us/news-and-events.dot> to access eTech Ohio's latest 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.

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