

E-RATE PRODUCTIVITY CENTER (EPC) APPLICANT USER GUIDE

Getting Started

Recommended Browsers

- Internet Explorer (IE versions 9 or higher IE 8 is not supported)
- Firefox
- Safari
- Chrome

User Names

Your email address will be your user name. Your email address cannot be changed.

If you are representing multiple organizations and have multiple user names, after logging in with one user name, you must close your browser and re-open it in order to log in with a different user name.

Accessing the System for the First Time

You will receive an email invitation from **EPC.Application.Administrator@usac.org**. Follow the instructions in the email to sign in for the first time.

You will:

- 1. Receive an invitation email with the subject "USAC EPC-Account Creation."
- 2. Navigate to the URL included in the email message.
- 3. Enter the username provided in the email message.
- 4. Select the **Forgot Password** link on the log in screen.
- 5. Follow the instructions to reset your password.



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NOTE: Your password must meet all of the following criteria:

- Is at least eight characters
- Has not been used in the previous four passwords
- Contains at least one character in the English alphabet
- Contains at least one numeral (0 through 9)
- Contains at least one non-alphabetic character (such as !, \$, #, %)
- Contains at least one uppercase character (A through Z)
- Contains at least one lowercase character (a through z)

After setting your password, log in.

Your news page will include a welcome message. Click the link in the news item to go to your task to read the EPC terms and conditions.



After you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions, click the button to accept them. You can now use the EPC system.

At any time, click the USAC logo to return to the EPC landing page.

Accessing the System

After your initial login, to access the system later:

- 1. Navigate to https://portal.usac.org.
- 2. Read and acknowledge the access terms and then click I Agree.



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- 3. Enter your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, select **Forgot Password** to reset it.
- 4. Your EPC landing page opens.

