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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 14-1855]

Notice of Debarment

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Enforcement Bureau (the “Bureau”) debars Gregory Paul Styles from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (or “E-Rate Program”) for a period of three years. The Bureau takes this action to protect the E-Rate Program from waste, fraud, and abuse.

DATES: Debarment commences on the date Mr. Gregory Paul Styles receives the debarment letter or **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**, whichever date comes first, for a period of three years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy M. Ragsdale, Attorney Advisor, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, Room 4-C330, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. Joy Ragsdale may be contacted by telephone at (202) 418-1697 or by email at Joy.Ragsdale@fcc.gov. If Ms. Ragsdale is unavailable, you may contact Ms. Theresa Cavanaugh, Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, by telephone at (202) 418-1420 and by email at Jeffrey.Gee@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau debarred Mr. Gregory Paul Styles from the schools and libraries service support mechanism for a period of three years pursuant to 47 CFR 54.8. Attached is the debarment letter, DA 14-1855, which was mailed to Mr. Styles and released on December 18, 2014. The complete text of the notice of debarment is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portal II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, the complete text is available on the FCC’s Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>. The text may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portal II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B420, Washington,

DC 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300 or (800) 378-3160, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via email

<http://www.bcpweb.com> .

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

Jeffrey J. Gee,
Acting Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, Enforcement Bureau

December 18, 2014

DA 14-1855

SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

AND E-MAIL

Mr. Gregory Paul Styles

15506 Banjo Court

Woodbridge, VA 22193

Re: Debarment Notice, FCC Case No. EB-IHD-14-00013502

Dear Mr. Styles:

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) hereby notifies you that, pursuant to Section 54.8 of its rules, you are prohibited from participating in activities associated with or relating to the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (E-Rate program) for three years from either the date of your receipt of this Notice of Debarment or of its publication in the Federal Register, whichever is earlier in time (Debarment Date).¹

¹ 47 CFR 54.8(e), (g); *see also id.* 0.111 (delegating authority to the Enforcement Bureau to resolve universal service suspension and debarment proceedings).

On August 26, 2014, the Commission's Enforcement Bureau sent you a Notice of Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Proceedings that was published in the Federal Register on September 22, 2014.² That *Suspension Notice* suspended you from participating in activities associated with or relating to the E-Rate program. It also described the basis for initiating debarment proceedings against you, the applicable debarment procedures, and the effect of debarment.

As discussed in the *Suspension Notice*, in March 2011 you were convicted of conspiring with Marvin Mitch Freeman to obstruct the competitive bidding process and defraud the E-Rate program of approximately \$788,000.³ As the Management Information Systems Director for Chowchilla Elementary School District (CESD) you were responsible for CESD's procurement process and, therefore were ineligible to bid on CESD's E-Rate projects.⁴ To circumvent the Commission's competitive bidding rules, you solicited Mr. Freeman to bid on CESD E-Rate contracts through his business, Twisted Head Design.⁵ Specifically, you awarded Mr. Freeman the E-Rate contracts knowing he was unqualified to perform E-Rate work and that you or a subcontractor would perform the work, and bill the Universal Service Administrative Company for that work.⁶ Pursuant to Section 54.8(c) of the Commission's rules, your conviction of criminal conduct in connection with the E-Rate program is the basis for this debarment.⁷

² Letter from Jeffrey J. Gee, Acting Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, to Gregory Paul Styles, Notice of Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Proceedings, 29 FCC Rcd 10109 (Enf. Bur. 2014) (*Suspension Notice*); 79 Fed. Reg. 56579 (Sept. 22, 2014).

³ *United States v. Gregory P. Styles*, Criminal Docket No. 1:06CR00013-001, Judgment at 1 (E.D. Cal. filed March 17, 2011, amended June 15, 2011); *Suspension Notice*, 29 FCC Rcd at 10110–11.

⁴ *Suspension Notice*, 29 FCC Rcd at 10110.

⁵ *Id.*; see 47 CFR 54.503, 54.511(a).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 47 CFR 54.8(c).

In accordance with the Commission's debarment rules, you were required to file with the Commission any opposition to your suspension or its scope, or to your proposed debarment or its scope, no later than 30 calendar days from either the date of your receipt of the *Suspension Notice* or of its publication in the Federal Register, whichever date occurred first.⁸ The Commission did not receive any such opposition from you.

For the foregoing reasons, you are debarred from participating in activities associated with or related to the E-Rate program for three years from the Debarment Date.⁹ During this debarment period, you are excluded from participating in any activities associated with or related to the E-Rate program, including the receipt of funds or discounted services through the E-Rate program, or consulting with, assisting, or advising applicants or service providers regarding the E-Rate program.¹⁰

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Gee

Acting Chief

Investigations and Hearings Division

⁸ *Id.* 54.8 (e)(3)–(4). Any opposition had to be filed no later than October 22, 2014.

⁹ *Id.* 54.8(e)(5), (g).

¹⁰ *Id.* 54.8(a)(1), (5), (d).

Enforcement Bureau

cc: Johnnay Schrieber, Universal Service Administrative Company (via e-mail)

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