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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 26-895; FR ID 366384]

Notice of Debarment; Federal E-Rate Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Enforcement Bureau (the "Bureau") debars Kenneth Collura from the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (or E-Rate Program) and all federal universal service support mechanisms for three years.

DATES: Debarment commences on the date Mr. Collura receives the debarment letter or **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER],** whichever date comes first, and will continue for three years.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 45 L Street, NE., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Sova, Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Investigations and Hearings Division, 45 L Street, NE., Washington, DC 20554. Christopher Sova may be contacted by phone at (202) 418-1868 or by email at Christopher.Sova@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau debars Mr. Collura from the E-Rate program and all federal universal service support mechanisms for three years pursuant to 47 CFR 54.8. Attached is the debarment letter, DA 26-897, which was mailed to Mr. Collura and released on **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].**

The complete text of the notice of debarment is available on the FCC's website at

https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-895A1.pdf.

Federal Communications Commission.

Christopher Sova,
Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division,
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Federal Communications Commission

Enforcement Bureau
Investigations and Hearings Division
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September 3, 2026

DA 26-895

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: Notice of Debarment, File No. EB-IHD-25-00038477

Dear Mr. Collura:

The Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) hereby notifies you that, pursuant to section 54.8 of the Commission's rules, you are prohibited from participating in activities associated with or related to the federal schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (E-Rate program) and any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms for three years, commencing on either the date of your receipt of this Notice of Debarment or of its publication in the Federal Register, whichever comes first (Debarment Date).[1]

On April 7, 2026, the Bureau sent you a notice of suspension and initiation of debarment proceeding (*Notice of Suspension*) that was published in the Federal Register on April 16, 2026.[2] The *Notice of Suspension* suspended you from participating in or receiving any benefit associated with the E-Rate program as well as any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms.[3] It

[1] 47 CFR § 54.8 (e), (g); 47 CFR § 0.111 (delegating to the Bureau authority to resolve universal service suspension and debarment proceedings). The Commission adopted debarment rules for the E-Rate program in 2003. *See Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 18 FCC Rcd 9202 (2003) (*Second Report and Order*) (adopting section 54.521 to suspend and debar parties from the E-Rate program). In 2007, the Commission extended the debarment rules to apply to all federal universal service support mechanisms. *See Comprehensive Review of the Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, & Oversight*, Report and Order, 22 FCC Rcd 16372, 16410–12 (2007) (*Program Management Order*) (renumbering section 54.521 of the universal service debarment rules as section 54.8 and amending subsections (a)(1), (a)(5), (c), (d), (e)(2)(i), (e)(3), (e)(4), and (g)). On March 26, 2026, new rules were adopted allowing the Commission to take quicker and more comprehensive action to exclude bad actors from participating in Congressionally-mandated funding programs. *See Modernizing Suspension & Debarment Rules*, GN Docket No. 19-309, Report & Order, Direct Final Rule, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 26-18 (Mar. 27, 2026).

[2] Letter from Christopher J. Sova, Chief, Investigations and Hearings Division, FCC Enforcement Bureau, to Kenneth Collura, Notice of Suspension and Initiation of Debarment Proceeding, 91 Fed. Reg. 20449 (April 16, 2026) (*Notice of Suspension*).

[3] *Id.*

also described the basis for initiating the debarment proceeding against you, the applicable debarment procedures, and the effect of debarment.[4]

As discussed in the *Notice of Suspension*, on July 1, 2019 you pleaded guilty to making a materially false statement to the federal government.[5] You knowingly and willingly submitted a false certification to the Universal Service Administrative Company that a contract between the Diocese of Columbus Office of Catholic Schools and the South Central Ohio Computer Association covered no ineligible services, when the charges under the contract were inflated and included expenses not eligible for E-Rate program funding.[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]

In accordance with the Commission's debarment rules, you were required to file with the Commission any opposition to the suspension or its scope, or to the proposed debarment or its scope, within 30 calendar days from your receipt of the *Notice of Suspension* or of its publication in the Federal Register, whichever was earlier.[8] The Commission received no opposition.

For the above reasons, you are debarred from involvement with 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 and any other program funded by federal universal service support mechanisms, 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,

Christopher J. Sova
Chief
Investigations and Hearings Division
Enforcement Bureau

[4] *Id*.

[5] *See Notice of Suspension* at 2; *United States v. Kenneth Collura*, Case No. 2:19-cr-00146-EAS, Judgment and Sentencing Order (S.D. Ohio, issued Jan. 15, 2020); *see also United States v. Kenneth Collura*, Case No. 2:19-cr-00146-EAS, Sentencing Memorandum at 1-2 (S.D. Ohio, issued Dec. 31, 2019).

[6] *United States v. Kenneth Collura*, Case No. 2:19-cr-00146-EAS, Information, at 4 (S.D. Ohio, Jun. 20, 2019); *Notice of Suspension* at 2.

[7] 47 CFR § 54.8(c).

[8] 47 CFR § 54.8 (e)(3)–(4). Any opposition had to be filed no later than May 18, 2026.

[9] 47 CFR § 54.8(g).

[10] 47 CFR § 54.8(a)(1), (d), (g).

cc: Fred Theobald, Universal Service Administrative Company (via e-mail)

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