1. **Who?**
   Who does the E-Rate Modernization Order affect?
   All K-12 schools and districts across US states who are using telephone (voice) and data services, technology and infrastructure.

2. **Why?**
   Why does the E-rate Modernization Order change things?
   The E-rate Modernization Order phases out E-rate support (discounts) for traditional voice-related services over 5 years beginning in 2015. Additionally, E-rate now fully supports Dark Fiber and has reduced support for Mobility services.

3. **What?**
   What are the objectives of the E-rate Modernization Order?
   The Order takes major steps to modernize and streamline the E-rate program. It focuses on expanding funding for Internet access in eligible elementary and secondary schools and libraries across America. The Order maximizes the cost effectiveness of E-rate spending, while also making the E-rate administration and application processes fast, simple, and efficient.

4. **Where?**
   Where are the advantages of the E-rate Modernization Order?
   Depending on whether you switch to SIP trunking or a Hosted VoIP solution, you have the opportunity to ‘achieve more for less’. Both solutions can reduce call costs with Hosted VoIP additionally offering advanced communication and collaboration features including Unified Communications.

5. **When?**
   When should schools consider making the switch to IP?
   The E-rate Modernization Order reduces discounts for voice services by 20 percentage points per year over five years. By switching to a Voice over IP solution now, school districts can benefit from greater savings when compared to traditional voice network costs.

   K-12 schools can ‘achieve more for less’ with IP network features that can offer improved communication and collaboration, greater efficiency and higher productivity.

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**Going forward**

The potential for future savings can be significant with E-Rate modernization and IP.

Find out more about how E-Rate modernization can benefit your K-12 establishment.

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