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In 2002, the Information Use Management and Policy Institute (Information Institute) released the report *Public Library Internet Services and the Digital Divide: The Role and Impacts from Selected External Funding Sources*. As part of this study, Appendix B contained an analysis of years two and three of E-rate discount awards to public libraries. In Spring 2003 the American Library Association, Office of Information Technology and Policy (OITP), contracted with the Information Institute to update this analysis of E-rate awards. The objectives of this analysis include the following:

- Update the tables in *Public Library Internet Services and the Digital Divide: The Role and Impacts from Selected External Funding Services, Appendix B*;
- Provide a longitudinal perspective on the E-rate discounts to update the existing data in Appendix B. The data received by the Information Institute enabled the analysis of E-rate discount data from 1999 through February 2002 (E-rate years two through five; and
- Provide a brief written summary explanation of the new tables with overall conclusions and recommendations.

The data and analyses presented in this report addressed these objectives and provided updated information on E-rate awards to public libraries through 2002.

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