

## News from U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC)

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### Spratt Announces First Wave of Universal Service Awards for Schools, Libraries

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that schools and libraries in the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District are eligible to receive more than \$400,000 in telecommunications support in the first wave of Universal Service awards issued for Funding Year 2003.

The program, established by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enables public schools and libraries to have state-of-the-art telecommunications equipment for their students. It is funded through the universal service fee on monthly phone bills and goes toward telecommunications services and Internet access.

“I am pleased to see that the universal service fee comes back to us in the form of good telecommunications equipment for our school children,” said Spratt.

Spratt said the first wave of awards issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company for Funding Year 2003 includes the following schools and libraries in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

Organization	Award
Bennettsville High School	\$28,700
Cherokee County Public Library	\$4,294
Chester County Library	\$9,039
Dillon County Library	\$9,232
Dillon County School District 1	\$29,568
Dillon County School District 2	\$89,730
Fairfield County Library	\$3,957
Florence County Library	\$15,083
Fort Mill School District 4	\$43,005
Kershaw County Library	\$2,490
Kershaw County School District	\$143,728
Lancaster County Library	\$2,874
Marlboro County School District	\$24,480
Newberry County Library	\$3,161
York County Library	\$10,528

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