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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, Iowa Room 1-153, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The roll was called by SGT Brock Thibodeaux, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)
Major Joey Broussard
Robert Black
Col. Mickey McMorris
LTC Robert F. Morris
Curry Johnson

Heyward Jeffers

Col. Eric Sivula
Susan Severance
Col. Kenneth Hughes
Sgt. Michael Murphy
Eric Deroche
Gary Peters
Thomas Thibeaud

Representing Agency:

DOA and Office of Information Technology
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
LA Fire Chief's Association
LA State Police
LA National Guard
LA House of Rep. Special Committee on
LA Homeland Security
LA Senate Select Committee on
Homeland Security
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services
Attorney General's Office/GOHSEP
Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP
Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP
Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP
Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP
Region 9 Washington OHSEP

Guest List
See Appendix A

Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2007

On motion of Mike Murphy, seconded by Eric Deroche, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2007 meeting.

Special Presentation

Michael Zimmerman, G-6, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Fort Polk, presented an information briefing on the communications technology initiatives in use by the JRTC at Fort Polk.

The initiatives were as follows:

- Mobile Commercial Network Infrastructure-Test Range
- Land Mobile Radio Modernization and Integration
- Wireless Local Loop
- Spectrum Monitoring and Direction Finding System
- High Power Cordless Phone
- Objective Instrumentation System

Technology Sub-Committee

Chief Robert Black gave a report on the meeting (conference call) held by the Technology Sub-Committee on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the emerging technology portion of the PSIC grant. (See Appendix B) Two million dollars is allocated from the PSIC grant for emerging technology. After Christina Dayries clarified the definition of emerging technology per the PSIC grant, Jeya Selvaratnam presented the types of emerging technology considered by the Technology Sub-committee, outlined as follows:

1. WiFi
2. 802.11 WLAN
3. 4.9 GHz Spectrum Allocation
4. Mesh Network

Mike Murphy commented that Baton Rouge is installing a mesh network within the 2.4 GHz spectrum. Additionally, he stated that the project is costly with a small footprint. The cost to Baton Rouge is approximately \$50,000 per square mile.

On the motion of Susan Severance, seconded by Gary Peters, the Committee approved as part of its Emerging Technology initiative for the PSIC grant to implement a mesh network technology within the 4.9 GHz public safety broadband spectrum and the 2.4 GHz and 5.8 GHz spectrum to be applied to mobile communications command posts and heavily populated metropolitan areas, including New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Lake Charles.

Jeya Selvaratnam will provide vendor information and a cost analysis to implement the mesh network as voted on by the Committee.

Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

Due to the transitioning of the Governor with the new administration, there was not a report from the sub-committee.

Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee

There were no discussions or changes to be brought to the Committee.

Planning Sub-Committee

The Department of Homeland Security sent the peer review comments on the Louisiana Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The comments will be placed in the secure library of the SIEC website for review. The SIEC Support Staff will continue its work on the SCIP for final submission on December 3, 2007.

Old Business

There were no discussions or changes to be brought to the Committee.

New Business

Eric Silvula recommended that the SIEC be codified into legislation, and that any changes or additions regarding agency representation be addressed as well. Gary Peters recommended that EMS become a standing member. Additionally, the Committee recognized the need to encourage and include representation from tribal governments and non-governmental agencies. Susan Severance informed the Committee that the Committee can continue to function up to 30 days after the

inauguration. Rizwan Ahmed stated that in his transition letter, he addressed the status of the SIEC, including its accomplishments.

Public Comments

Dexter Accardo with the St Tammany Parish government requested a letter from the Committee in support of a grant to build a tower in St. Tammany parish. Mickey McMorris stated that the tower could help address the coverage gap in St. Tammany parish.

On the motion of Eric Deroche, seconded by Tommy Thibaud, the Committee agreed to provide a letter to the St. Tammany Parish government in support of a grant to build a tower in St. Tammany Parish.

Adjournment

On a motion by Eric Deroche, seconded by Ken Hughes, and there being no further business to discuss, the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee was adjourned by the Chair at 2:53 p.m.

Appendix A
October 24, 2007

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 24, 2007
1:30 p.m.
Claborne Building Conference Center
1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

(Guest List)

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Appendix B
October 24, 2007

SIEC Technology and Assessment Sub-Committee Report

The Technology and Assessment Sub-Committee for the SIEC conducted a conference call on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the emerging technologies portion of the PSIC grant.

The following members participated in the conference call:

Bobby Black
Christina Dayries
Jaya Selvenatum
Erich DeRoche
Richard Silverman
Anthony Summers
Gary Peters
Susan Severance

Christina Dayries addressed the definition of emerging technologies from the PSIC grant for the committee.

WI-MAX, Microwave, Virtual Command, and Mesh Networks were some of the topics during the discussion.

The committee came to a consensus that implementing a broad band connection utilizing IP based broadband technology with a mesh network to provide multiple users access to large data bases and images should be identified as the emerging technologies portion of the grant.

Jaya Selvenatum will compile the needed information for the committee to review and present to Christina Dayries for the PSIC grant.