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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, December 20, 2006, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Mr. Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Lorita Ford, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)

Chief Robert Black
Arnold Chauviere
Joe Drago
Heyward Jeffers

Major Benjamin Bourgoyne
(for Lt. Col. Robert F. Morris)
Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman
Col. Eric Sivula
Mickey McMorris
Susan Severance (for Col. Jeff Smith)

Representing Agency:

Division of Administration &
Office of Information Technology
LA Fire Chief's Association
LA Public Service Commission
Dept. of Transportation/Development
LA Senate Select Committee on
Homeland Security
LA National Guard

Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services
LA State Police
GOHSEP

State/Parish Agency Representatives Present:

Tommy Thiebaud
Eric Deroche
Clay Henry
Dean Dozier
(also representing State Directors Assoc.)
Richard Gremillion

Region 9 Washington OHSEP
Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP
Region 4 Iberia OHSEP
Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP

Regional Parish Homeland Security &
Emergency Preparedness Directors Committee

Robert Mehrstens (for Michael Ranatza)	La Commission of Law Enforcement
Robert Mehrstens (for Sheriff Rickey Edwards)	LA Sheriff's Association
Sgt. Michael Murphy	Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion	Region 6 Rapides OHSEP

Support Staff Present:

Lorita Ford (LA Division of Administration/OES)

Guest List
See Appendix

Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2006

On motion of Ms. Sonya Wiley-Gremillion, seconded by Mr. Eric Sivula, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 6 meeting.

Presentation by Louisiana National Guard for SIEC Planning Group

Major Benjamin Burgoyne with the Louisiana National Guard introduced the SIEC website and encouraged comments and input from the SIEC members. Lt. Taysha Deaton and SSgt. Nolen Fletcher are the contact persons for the website and will work out any bugs before it is published. Lt. Deaton was asked to draft a press release to announce the website. It will be discussed at the January 10th meeting.

The second whiteboard session was conducted December 7-8. They reviewed and discussed the decision making process of the first whiteboard. All SIEC representatives in attendance agreed on the recommendation of the IP based solution for the Interim Interoperability problem.

Based on recommendation from the second Whiteboard session, CPT Williams has begun developing IP Based RFP. The initial version will be sent out to all SIEC members not later than December 29 for their input. The recommended mail out date is January 15, 2007.

Based on questions uncovered during the first and second whiteboard sessions, the full time staff will continue to contact parishes to develop more information as it relates to the IP Based solution.

The SIEC support staff informed the committee that they can facilitate future whiteboard sessions on any topics. Members were encouraged to provide guidance on future whiteboard topics by emailing to DOA-SIEC@la.gov. The next whiteboard session is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on January 9, 2007 at the Information Services Building, room 2-137.

Subcommittee Progress Reports

On motion of Mr. Mike Murphy, seconded by Chief Robert Black, the Committee voted unanimously to adopt the scope of services set forth in House Bill 57 when it is signed into law.

Chief Robert Black stated that the Technology committee members will continue to attend white board sessions and assist with writing an IP based RFP. The committee further discussed what the RFP may include.

Mr. Heyward Jeffers stated funding for SIEC would be presented at the regular session of the legislature. The committee further discussed possible strategies for the funding presentation.

Old Business

Rizwan Ahmed suggested that the committee be prepared to make a short presentation during the Gulf Coast Summit on the progress of the Louisiana SIEC.

The committee discussed the possibility of having the February 28th SIEC meeting at the hotel on the last day of the Gulf Coast Summit. Dapne Levenson will be contacted to see if this will be possible.

Special Presentations

There were no special presentations scheduled for this meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed, Mr. Rizwan Ahmed adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.

**APPENDIX
GUEST LIST
December 20, 2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Joseph Livingston	OTM
Clyde Turkniett	DH Marketing
Paul Singh	E F Johnson
Richard Silverman	DEQ
Gary Peters	LRAA
Vandra Fields	LANG, SIEC
Tahsha Deaton	LANG, SIEC
Brian Guillory	SIEC
Dennis Savoie	Sphere Consulting
Cynthia Hall	Unisys
John Curley	Unisys
Steve McNally	Unisys
Nolan Fletcher	LANG, SIEC
Jim Williams	LANG, SIEC
Katie Lovette	Motorola
Ryan Harfield	Motorola
Bill Rains	EF Johnson
Brett Brock	CISCO