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Honorable Bobby Jindal
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Dear Governor Jindal:

On behalf of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), it is my pleasure to provide this report on the status of interoperable communications for first responders in the State of Louisiana.

LWIN Status

- Current Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) statewide coverage is 95% portable, on-street coverage
- Current composition of LWIN sites:
 - 120 active tower sites
 - 4 mobile tower sites
 - 2 mobile repeater sites
 - 4 mobile satellite dishes
 - 6 generators on wheels
 - LWIN Sites are controlled by four master sites
 - Master Site One in Baton Rouge
 - Master Site Two in New Orleans
 - Master Site Three in Alexandria
 - Master Site Four in Baton Rouge
- Subscriber Radios
 - From January 1, 2013 – June 1, 2013, LWIN has seen an increase from 69,805 subscriber units to 70,527.
 - LWIN remains the largest Statewide Radio System in the nation..
 - The monthly average of Push-to-Talk (PTT) transmissions has increased from 10,207,299 to 10,915,798.

State Funded System Maintenance

The GOHSEP Office of Interoperability receives and manages the annual maintenance budget for LWIN. This State funding of LWIN allows the radio system to function without charging any subscriber fees, a leading reason for local agency adoption of

LWIN. The LWIN System maintenance costs are expected to increase up to 20% annually as more sites' original warranties expire.

SIEC Accomplishments

Meetings and Events

- During the time period of January 1, 2013 - June 1, 2013, the SIEC held 2 meetings. Major topics covered included:
 - LTE/ Public Safety Broadband
 - Super Bowl preparation
 - Communications responsibilities
 - Ongoing and new Subcommittee assignments
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1221
 - Additional Tower sites (Franklin and Jennings)

LTE/ Public Safety Broadband

In February 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 was signed into law. Contained within this legislation was a provision that authorizes the FCC to sell bandwidth spectrum in order to raise over \$7 billion for construction of a nationwide broadband network dedicated to public safety. This network, officially called "FirstNET", will ultimately provide a seamless interoperability data network that will allow first responders to communicate with each other anywhere in the country.

State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)

- The State and Local Implementation Grant Program is a \$121.5 million formula-based, matching grant program administered by National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The program is designed to assist regional, state, local, and tribal government entities as they plan for the before-mentioned nationwide public safety broadband network. These grants will be available to the 56 states and territories. They will support planning, consultation, education, and outreach activities as well as fund efforts to collect data on existing infrastructure and equipment that could be used by FirstNet in building a wireless public safety broadband network. The NTIA anticipates awarding the grants by July 15, 2013.
- Louisiana successfully submitted its SLIGP application on March 19, 2013.

Respectfully,


Pat Santos

cc: SIEC Members