



# State of Louisiana

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## STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, November 28, 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 Lorita Ford, and a quorum was established.

### **Committee Members Present:**

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)  
Chief Robert Black  
Mike Brame  
Major Joey Broussard  
Joe Drago  
Heyward Jeffers  
Lt. Eric Burson  
Lt. Col. Robert F. Morris  
Susan Severance  
Jan Rodrigue (for Col. Eric Sivula)

Col. Kenneth Hughes  
Sgt. Michael Murphy  
Eric Deroche  
Brandon Alleman  
Chief Lloyd Miller  
Donald Milligan  
Robert Jump  
Gary Peters  
William Skinner  
Thomas Thibeaud

### **Representing Agency:**

DOA and Office of Information Technology  
LA Fire Chief's Association  
Dept. of Health and Hospitals  
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Dept. of Transportation and Development  
LA Senate Select Comm on Homeland Security  
LA State Police  
LA National Guard  
Attorney General's Office/GOHSEP  
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services

Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP  
Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP  
Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP  
Region 4 Iberia OHSEP  
Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP  
Region 6 Rapides OHSEP  
Region 7 Caddo/Bossier OHSEP  
Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP  
Region 9 Washington OHSEP  
Regional Parish Homeland Sec. & Emerg.  
Preparedness Directors Comm./Reg. 5

**Guest List**  
**See Appendix A**

**Approval of Minutes**

*On motion of Chief Black, seconded by Eric Deroche, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting.*

**Special Presentation**

Major General Hunt Downer informed the Committee that he is working with Governor-Elect Bobby Jindal's transition team. He stated that interoperability is an issue that needs to be continued and he would take the issue before the Governor-Elect's transition committee on emergency preparedness.

Representatives from Nicholls State University and COTS Technology LLC gave a power point presentation to the SIEC on Integrating LONI with Unmanned Aerial Systems. The presentation will be posted to the SIEC website for viewing.

**Technology Sub-Committee**

Chief Black's discussion was outlined as follows:

- The Technology Committee efforts have been focused on the PSIC grant and the statewide communications plan. He commended the committee members along with the LA National Guard SIEC support staff on their efforts.
- Several meetings back, the Technology Committee recommended that a policy and procedure be put in place to address gateway devices connected to the statewide communications system. Chief Black apologized for missing the last SIEC meeting, but noted from the minutes that the policy and procedures issue was discussed. He stated that he hoped the Committee could adopt these policies and procedures in the very near future so the Technology Committee can revisit and move forward on a proposal that would place a gateway device in every Parish in the state.
- Chief Black reminded everyone of the Motorola statewide cost proposal to flash upgrade their radios in order to be P-25 compliant.

**Budget and Finance Sub-Committee**

Heyward Jeffers reported to the committee that the SIEC finances and budget matters were basically unchanged since the last meeting of the group. In response to a question by Christina Dayries of the Louisiana State Police regarding how much money SIEC has spent this year and how much money remained in the SIEC Fund. Jeffers agreed to work with Chairman Rizwan Ahmed and State Purchasing officials to determine those figures and make them available to the entire committee. The report of expenditures will be posted on the website and updated as needed.

Jeffers led a discussion regarding possible funding to continue the use of MyState by GOHSEP. Jeffers told the group that, in his opinion, any funds needed to continue MyState could be obtained out of the group's current funds by way of a BA-7. New funds would not be requested from the state, and the BA-7 would be used to redirect funds now earmarked for other purposes. It was agreed that the group had several options to fund MyState, but eventually a contract to continue the pilot program would have to be let in the form of a Request for Proposal. Spending monies currently in the Fund would allow the time for a future appropriation and RFP to continue the program.

Jeffers reminded the group that the next governor must recreate SIEC either by proclamation or law in order for it to continue to exist. Major General Downer said he would take the issue before the governor-elect's transition committee on emergency preparedness.

**Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee**

Susan Severance reminded the Committee that the one-year term for Committee members were coming to an end. New appointments need to be brought up to the governor-elect's transition team.

**Planning Sub-Committee**

There was no report from the Planning Sub-Committee.

**Old Business**

On motion by Mike Murphy, seconded by Susan Severance, the Committee agreed to fund a six month pilot project with MyStateUSA beginning January 1, 2008 in order to comply with the provisions of HB 57. Prior to July 1, 2008, the Committee will send out a request for proposal in order to select a vendor through the bid process.

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business to discuss, the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee was adjourned by the Chair at approximately 3:15 p.m.*

**Appendix A1  
November 28, 2007**

**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, November 28, 2007  
1:30 p.m.  
Calbome Building Conference Center  
1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room  
1201 North Third Street  
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**Appendix A2**

November 28, 2007

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