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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1st Floor, North Dakota Room 1-155, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Mr. Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Capt. Ulinda Harper, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)
Cpt. Brandon Alleman
Robert Black
Major Joey Broussard
Eric Deroche
Joe Drago
Richard Gremillion

Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
Col. Ken Hughes
Heyward Jeffers

Curry Johnson

Robert Jump
Lt. Col. Mickey McMorris
Lloyd Miller
Lt. Col. Robert Morris
Sgt. Michael Murphy
Gary Peters
Susan Severance
Col. Eric Sivula
Thomas Thibeaud

Representing Agency:

DOA and Office of Information Technology
Region 4 Iberia OHSEP
LA Fire Chief's Association
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP
Dept. of Transportation & Development
Regional Parish Homeland Security and
Emergency Preparedness Directors
Region 6 Rapides OHSEP
Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP
LA Senate Select Committee on
Homeland Security
LA House of Rep. Special Committee on
LA Homeland Security
Region 7 Caddo/Bossier OHSEP
LA State Police
Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP
LA National Guard
Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP
Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP
Attorney General's Office/GOHSEP
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services
Region 9 Washington OHSEP

Guest List

See Appendix A

Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2007

On motion of Susan Severance, seconded by Eric Sivula, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2007 meeting with any necessary corrections.

Assessment and Technology Sub-Committee

Chief Robert Black gave a detailed report from the Assessment and Technology meeting held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at the David Crockett Fire Department in Gretna, LA. The report in its entirety is Appendix B of this document.

On a motion from Mike Murphy and seconded by Donald Milligan, the Committee agreed to continue a motion from the last meeting to defer further discussion on Port Lafourche funding or project until the SIEC receives additional information on legalities.

Christina Dayries distributed a handout to the Committee for discussion, outlining the various funding sources for the existing and proposed 700 MHz Statewide System Infrastructure. Upon final determination of the cost for the completion of the build-out of the 700 MHz voice infrastructure by Jeya Selvaratnam, the Committee authorized Chairman Ahmed submit the cost to the Division of Administration as a request for funding in the '80-'09 budget.

On a motion by Eric Sivula, seconded by Tommy Thibeaud, the Committee voted to add a budget request of \$3.7 million for additional subscriber units to be distributed in accordance with the pre-established formula. After further discussion and no opposition, the motion carried.

On a motion by Eric Sivula, seconded by Susan Severance, the Committee agreed that no additional budget request be considered for fiscal year '08-09 other than the two items outlined earlier.

Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

There was no report given by Heyward Jeffers, Chair for Budget and Finance.

Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee

Susan Severance presented a working draft of a Policy for Funding of Requests Made by a Third Party. The Committee discussed the working draft in detail and made necessary changes. The final and approved policy is attached as Appendix C.

Planning Sub-Committee

There was no report given by Richard Gremillion, Chair for Planning Sub-Committee. Christina Dayries informed the Committee that the strategic plan is now available on a secure area of the SIEC website and that members may view and provide comments.

Old Business

Chief Robert Black provided documentation from Motorola regarding the Louisiana Flashport Upgrade (see Appendix D). The Committee discussed and suggested that E F Johnson also provide documentation for the Louisiana Flashport Upgrade.

New Business

Upon recommendation from the Committee, Lt. Col. Morris will extend an invitation to the G-6, Communications, Fort Polk to speak with the Committee regarding new developments and communications.

Heyward Jeffers shared information about techniques used by the LA Association for Non-Profit Hospitals. He stated that forming a partnership with them could be beneficial to the Committee. Heyward will gather further information and make it available to the Committee for discussion.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at the meeting.

Adjournment

On a motion by Susan Severance, seconded by Mike Murphy, and there being no further business to discuss, the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Appendix A

October 10, 2007

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 10, 2007
1:30 p.m.

Claiborne Building Conference Center
1st Floor, 1-155 North Dakota Room
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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The Technology and Assessment sub-committee for the SIEC held a meeting on Tuesday October 9, 2007 at the David Crockett Fire Department in Gretna, Louisiana.

Chief Jon Callais of the Port Fourchon Harbor Police addressed the committee regarding the recent request from the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Chief Callais provided additional information concerning the project and was asked if detailed technical specifications were available for the project.

Leo Holzenthal of MS Benbow and Associates stated that no detailed specifications were available at this time. Specifications will be forthcoming and will be submitted in approximately 2-3 months to the technology committee. The technology committee recommended deferring any additional actions until that time.

Susan Severance addressed the need for an MOU or some type of agreement with the State for the project.

Bobbie O'Bryan of the Houma Police Department addressed the committee and discussed a recent COPS grant and discussed additional work that is being done in his area. Mr. O' Bryan also provided funding totals for Terrebonne and Lafourche Parish Interoperable Communications. The funding totals indicated Federal, State, and local funding with a total investment for interoperable communications of \$8,261,575.00.

Mr. O'Bryan also asked about high performance data and possible funding from the SIEC. Chairman Black explained that the technology committee reviews the technical merits of any submitted request with the full SIEC deciding upon funding approval. He suggested that Mr. O'Bryan submit a detailed request to the technology committee for review.

Mr. O'Bryan also asked if the ACU-1000 at Louisiana State Police Troop C will be allowed to be moved or will it remain at Troop C. The committee addressed this issue by indicating that it is the goal of the SIEC to have each region provide their individual interoperable communication needs submitted to the SIEC for review.

Jeya Selvaratnam spoke of his concern regarding possible duplicate ID prefixes in radios on the 700 MHZ statewide system. He suggested that a comprehensive list be submitted from users throughout the state that indicates the prefixes currently being used. Jeya also discussed the procedure for issuing ID numbers for the statewide system. He expressed the need for users to submit radio serial numbers before ID numbers are issued.

Jeya Selvaratnam also discussed possible problems with 800 MHZ glass mounted vehicle antennas being compatible with 700 MHZ radios.

Eric Deroche asked about the mutual aid channels and the need to relay this information statewide for users to have the proper channels installed in their radios.

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The committee discussed options available on how to convey the information statewide. Eric indicated that GOHSEP has scheduled an EOC Directors meeting November 5-8, 2007 and we may consider having a SIEC user and potential user meeting in conjunction with this meeting. Susan Severance offered to look into this matter and report her findings to the SIEC.

Christiana Dayries addressed the PSIC grant for Louisiana that is proposed to be for \$19.6 Million with 80% of the grant allocated for local/regional interoperable communications.

Christiana indicated that the \$100,000 for planning would not be needed and we could use that funding elsewhere.

Christiana addressed the additional information that is required for the grant and indicated that the requirement for a cache of radios and the need for Strategic Technology Reserve mobile communications has been addressed with state funding.

The committee recommended that we continue to work on and support the 3 priorities previously submitted to the SIEC.

The need for emerging technologies was discussed with Chief Black providing an unsolicited proposal from NetTalon on Virtual Command Technology. Chief Black distributed copies of the proposal to the members present for their review. This technology would allow first responders the opportunity to view a developing security or fire emergency incident in real-time and allow this data to be shared by all agencies and disciplines. The Virtual Command Technology concept has been supported by the House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution N0. 42 in the 2007 Regular Session. The committee will review the proposal and report at a later date.

WI-MAX was also discussed as an emerging technology. The committee recommended that WI-MAX technology be investigated and considered for the emerging technologies portion of the grant.

Bobby Black
Chair, SIEC Technology and Assessment sub-committee

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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

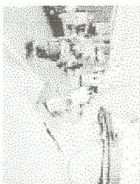
POLICY REGARDING REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) HEREBY ESTABLISHES THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING:

1. THE APPLICATION SHALL PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT, PRINCIPAL POINT OF CONTACT, DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF THE PROJECT, AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED, AND A LIST OF ALL OTHER SOURCES FOR FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, AND INFORMATION REGARDING CRITERIA 3 AND 4 BELOW.
2. THE PROJECT MUST SUPPORT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SIEC FOR A STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.
3. THE PROJECT MUST ENHANCE REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY OR ADDRESS A GAP IN THE COVERAGE OR ACCESSIBILITY TO THE STATEWIDE SYSTEM IN EFFECT ON THE DATE THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING IS SUBMITTED.
4. EXCEPT IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SIEC WILL NOT FUND THE COST SHARE FOR A GRANT; HOWEVER, THE SIEC MAY ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OR PARTNERSHIP FOR THE COLLECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SIEC.
5. NOTHING IN THIS POLICY SHALL PROHIBIT THE SIEC, ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE, FROM PROVIDING FUNDING FOR A PROJECT THAT MEETS THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SIEC.
6. APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION BY THE SIEC IS CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

APPROVED OCTOBER 10, 2007

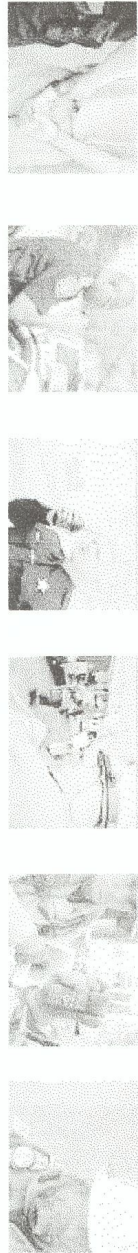
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Louisiana Flashport Upgrade

- ORDER MUST BE BOOKED PRIOR TO February 15, 2008.
- ORDER MUST BE DELIVERED AND ACCEPTED BY February 28, 2008
- APPLICABLE TO 700/800 MHz ONLY
- DOES NOT APPLY TO VHF OR UHF
- DOES NOT APPLY TO REBANDING MODELS or UPGRADES
- CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER PROMOTION OR OFFER

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Louisiana Flashport Upgrade

	APC	Nomenclature	SmartNet Price	Nomenclature	SmartZone Price
ANALOG SMARTNET or ANALOG SMARTZONE	332	T6748	\$0.00	T6750	\$0.00
ENH: ASTRO DIGITAL CAI OPTION	332	Q808AG	\$515.00	Q808AG	\$515.00
ENH: UPGRADE SMARTNET TO SMARTZONE	430	Q327BF	\$440.00	Q327BG	\$75.00
ENH: PROJECT 25 9600 BAUD TRUNKING	430	Q361AM	\$300.00	Q361AM	\$300.00
ADD: DIGITAL ID DISPLAY	430	H14AM	\$75.00	H14AM	\$75.00
		List Price	\$1,330.00		\$965.00
		Program discount	(\$440.00)		(\$300.00)
		Subtotal	\$890.00		\$665.00
		Less 20% SSA Discount	\$712.00		\$532.00

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