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## Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

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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:
  - 124 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 July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014, LWIN has seen an increase from 74,816 to 76,805 users.
  - LWIN remains the largest Statewide Radio System in the nation.
  - The monthly average of Push-to-Talk (PTT) transmissions has been over 11,000,000 per month.

### **State Funded System Maintenance**

The annual maintenance budget for LWIN is funded from the Department of Public Safety Services, Louisiana State Police, Riverboat Gaming Fund and managed by the Division of Administrations Office of Technology Services in consultation with the

Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Louisiana State Police. 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 over the next several fiscal years due to software upgrades and obsolete LWIN hardware.

### **SIEC Accomplishments**

#### **Meetings and Events**

- During the time period of July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014, the SIEC held 2 meetings. Major topics covered included:
  - Site Additions/ Moves: Vernon new site, Gibson new site, Gray site move
  - Channel Expansion: Houma, Montegut, Sulphur, Monroe and W. Monroe
- The SIEC has also completed updates on the Louisiana Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).

#### **LTE/ Public Safety Broadband**

The SIEC continues to plan for the eventual rollout of the nationwide Public Safety Broadband network by working with FirstNet representatives to ensure Louisiana remains on track with all National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) / FirstNet requirements and milestones. State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) funds have been awarded to Louisiana to help provide information to our first responder community and gather valuable information on their requirements for the planned network.

Respectfully,



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cc: SIEC Members