# Louisiana SIEC 03/25/2009



# WCC History

State Interoperability Executive
 Committee - Feb. 2003 / Aug 2004

WCC Established by Senate Bill 2514
 in 2005 Regular Session

Katrina - August 29, 2005

## WCC Legislation

- Sole authority to adopt rules and regulations
- Vested with legal authority to:
  - Purchase, lease, acquire or otherwise implement a statewide wireless communications system
  - Provide system planning with all public safety communications systems
  - Assist with establishment of state and local wireless communications
  - Provide technical support to users

## WCC Legislation

- Responsible for the design, engineering, acquisition and implementation of the statewide system
- Ensure the proper operation and maintenance of all equipment common to the system
- Permit state and local agencies use of the communications system under the terms and conditions established by the commission
- Manage and administer the wireless communications system

## WCC Legislation

- Having sign-off approval on all wireless communications systems within the state which are owned or operated by any state or local governmental entity, agency or department
- Enter into mutual aid agreements among federal, state and local agencies for the use of the communications system.

# MSWIN Project

■ RFP 3429 issued 3/02/06

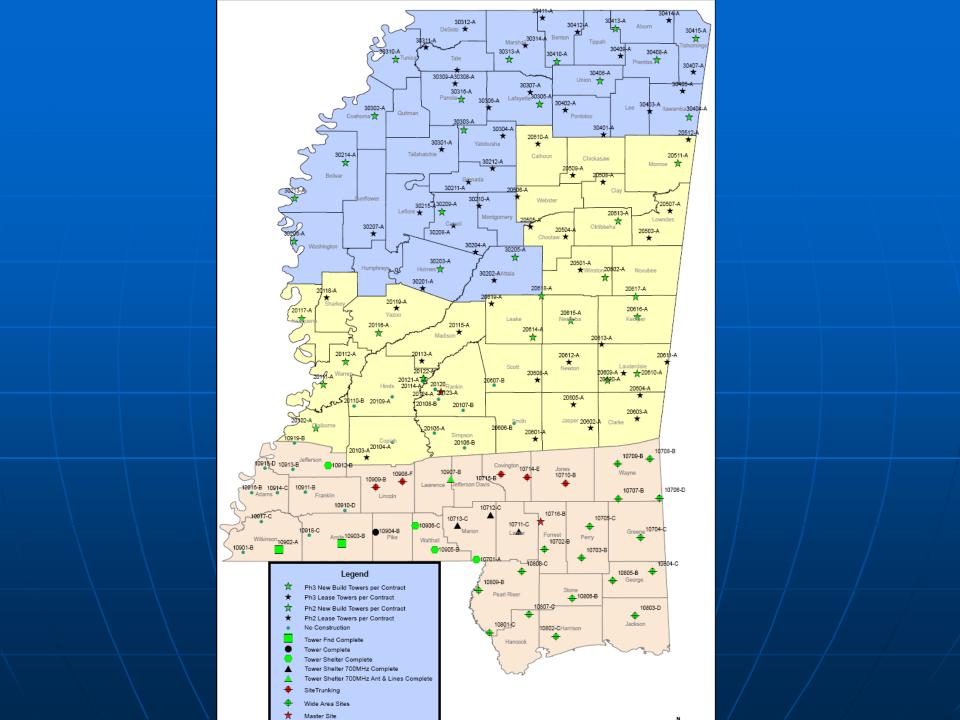
Proposals received 6/5/2006

Award to Motorola 11/03/2006

Contract Executed 6/29/2007

## MSWIN System Requirements

- 97% Area Coverage of the State
- Statewide Seamless Roaming without Operator Intervention
- 97% Area Coverage at Specific Locations (county seats, bases, port, bridges, power plants, etc.)
- Alternate Routing between Wide Area Controller Sites



# MSWIN Specifications

- 700 MHz
- Project 25 Full Features & Functions
- 5% Grade of Service
- 150% Subscriber Growth as installed
- Redundant System Controllers
- 3 Sites on Wheels & Master SOW
- Data Capable

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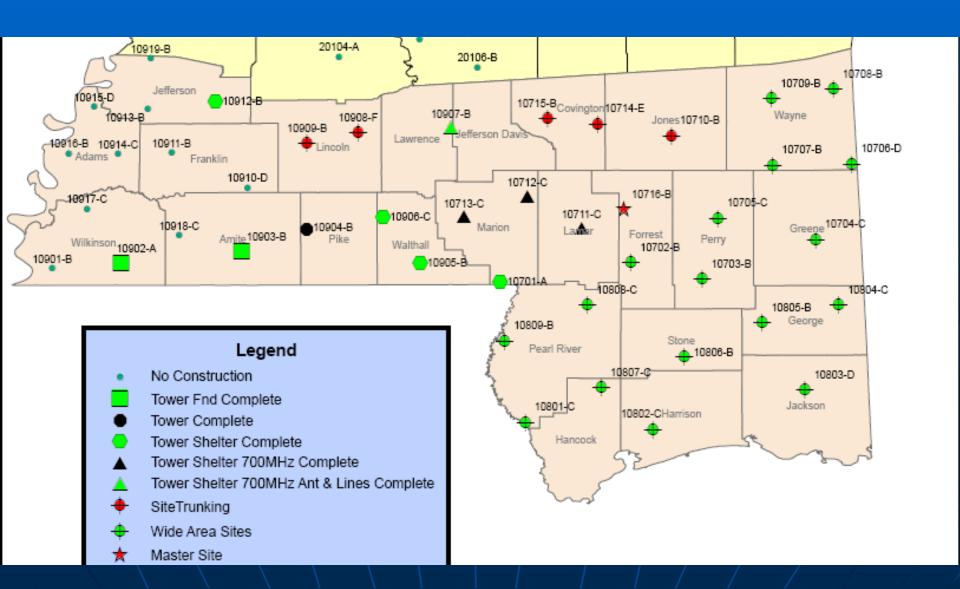
- Telecommunications Backbone
  - Microwave
  - Loop Protected
  - No more than 4 Sites on a Spur Route
  - At Least 2 paths between loops

 Shelters & Generators 4 feet above 500 Year Flood Plain

### **MSWIN Status**

- Southern Phase 44 sites:
  - 18 sites currently in Wide Area Trunking
  - 13 towers standing
  - 13 sites under construction
- Central Phase 52 sites:
  - All sites identified
  - Due Diligence Underway
  - 12 Sites connecting Southern area to Jackson scheduled for June 2009
- Northern Phase 47 sites
  - All Sites Identified

#### **MSWIN Status 03/20/09**



## WCC

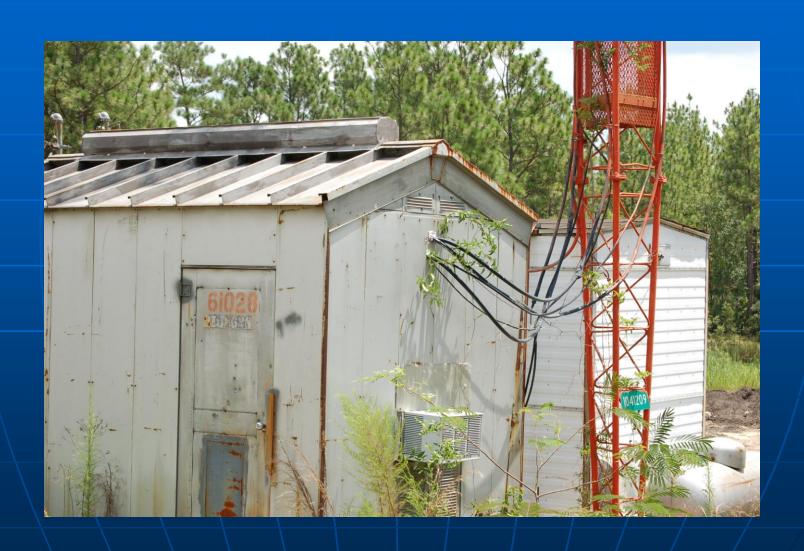
Interoperability and Governance



## Katrina Lessons

- State response agencies operating on obsolete disparate systems
- No interoperable platform
- No emergency power for public or state communications
- Cell and or radio systems connected by PSTN
- No plan for communications with multi-state responders
- Agencies not self sufficient for any length of time
- No planning exercises covered the Katrina scenario
- Prior to and after Katrina still lot of lip-service to communication

## WHAT WE HAVE NOW



# Interoperability Initiatives

- MSWIN system equipped with gateway equipment
- State purchase of ACU1000 for each county
- A cache of approximately 600 portable radios at WCC
- Agreements with Harrison, Jackson, and Hancock Counties for MSWIN radio ID
- Interoperable talk group with Louisiana used during Gustav contra-flow
- PSIC grant funds available for other initiatives

### **Procurement Committee**

- Review and approve any proposed state or local communication purchase with a lifecycle cost of over \$100,000
- Ensures purchases are interoperable with the MSWIN system
- Evaluate new technology compatibility with MSWIN
- Ensure taxpayers receive the best benefit

Current Interoperability



# Governance and Interoperability Committee

- Develop policies and procedures for joining the system
- Work with state and local agencies on disparate system interoperability
- Develop PSIC grant guidelines
- Review PSIC grant applications and award funding

## WCC Staff

- Interoperability Review Process
  - Needs assessment of local agencies' current interoperability environment
  - Development of options for local interoperability solutions and connectivity to MSWIN

## WE MUST BE CAREFUL

ALL IS NOT WHAT IT FIRST SEEMS



## The End

