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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, at the Claiborne Building Conference Center, 1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Mr. Rizwan Ahmed called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Lorita Ford, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Rizwan Ahmed (Chair)
Chief Robert Black
Major Joey Broussard
Joe Drago
Chief Freddy Drennan
Heyward Jeffers

Curry Johnson

Col. Mickey McMorris
Lt. Col. Robert F. Morris
Col. Eric Sivula
David Stone (for Susan Severance)
Col. Kenneth Hughes
Sgt. Michael Murphy
Eric Deroche
Brandon Alleman
Lloyd Miller
Donald Milligan (for S. Wiley-Gremillion)
Robert Jump
Thomas Thibeaud
Richard Gremillion

Representing Agency:

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

Guest List
See Appendix A

Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2007

On motion of Eric Deroche, seconded by Ken Hughes, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2007 meeting. There being no opposition, the motion carried.

Assessment and Technology Sub-Committee

Chief Robert Black gave a report from the Assessment and Technology committee. His discussion items were as follows:

- A meeting was held this morning to discuss the PSIC grant.
- The LA National Guard SIEC support staff compiled a draft State Communications interoperability Plan.
- Discussion re: the collection requirements needed to "fill in the blanks" for the PSIC grant.
- Another meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 31 at 9:00 a.m.
- The technology sub-committee will meet with regions 7 & 9 to discuss their needs.
- An additional meeting will be held in the near future for the Technology Committee to re-view an interoperability proposal that will include all 64 parishes in the State.

Finance and Funding Sub-Committee

Heyward Jeffers gave a report from the Finance and Funding committee. His discussion items were as follows:

- A BA7 request from SIEC to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget was approved Aug. 14, 2007, to carry forward \$2,572,133 in Louisiana Interoperability Communication Fund monies from the 06/07 fiscal year to the 07/08 fiscal year. These funds must be expended for the items listed in the original BA7 approved in January, 2007, for \$9,804,444.
- During the 2007 Regular Legislative Session \$11,468,930 was appropriated for Hurricane Disaster Recovery and placed in the Louisiana Interoperability Communication Fund to further the initiative to establish, operate and maintain an interoperable communications system across Louisiana.

- There now is, with the latest BA7 approval, \$14,041,063 in the LIC Fund to meet current obligations due on expenditures and for future procurements of interoperable equipment and personnel.
- Now is the time for the committee to determine what will be needed to achieve eventual interoperability. Agency budgets are being prepared now for submission to the governor's office. The governor will have to be prepared to submit a proposed budget to the legislature by January of 2008.

The Committee also discussed money for Mystate fees as well as needed maintenance funds for radios. Col. McMorris led a discussion in regard to which items will the SIEC support for maintenance. The SIEC elected to adopt infrastructure maintenance such as tower rental, T-1 connections, microwave connection, HPD and voice repeater service contracts. The SIEC elected to NOT support maintenance and connection cost for consoles connected to the system.

On motion of Mike Murphy, seconded by Eric Deroche the Committee voted that the SIEC will cover annual maintenance cost of High Performance Data sites and local parishes will be responsible for T-1 and maintenance of IP consoles. There being no further discussion or opposition, the motion carried.

Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee

In the absence of committee member Susan Severance, there was no report from the Policies and Procedures sub-committee.

Planning Committee Sub-Committee

Dick Gremillion stated that the current status of the planning committee has not changed since the last meeting. Short term, through the end of September, National Guard staff is working on the required plan for the PSIC grant submission. After that, the Planning Committee will schedule meetings with each region to work on Regional Tactical Interoperability plans.

Old Business

Donald Milligan confirmed that arrangements have been made to have the September 26 SIEC meeting in Alexandria. The Committee members agreed to change the meeting time to 10:30 a.m. Location for the meeting is the Alexandria Public Safety Complex, 1000 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana.

In regard to the hiring of SIEC staff for the unclassified positions, Rizwan stated that it has been difficult to attract prospective applicants because of the uncertainty of a new administration. He suggested that it would probably be in the best interest of SIEC to wait until the new administration is in place before hiring staff for the Committee.

New Business

Rizwan Ahmed led a discussion regarding FCC's ruling on 700 MHz. He stated he would file a waiver request to allow the SIEC to continue deployment of 700 MHz systems using the existing NB spectrum.

Eric Deroche inquired about the status of the equipment that was approved to be purchased at the last meeting. The Committee further discussed the purchase and funding of equipment.

On motion by Eric Deroche, seconded by Eric Sivula the Committee voted to purchase the 250 radios with the salary money from last fiscal year which was transferred to this year's budget. There being no further discussion or opposition, the motion carried.

Adjournment

On motion by Eric Deroche, seconded by Chief Robert Black, and there being no further business to discuss, the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:15 p.m.

**Appendix A
Guest List – August 8, 2007**

**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, August 8, 2007
1:30 p.m.
Claiborne Building Conference Center
1st Floor, 1-153 Iowa Room
1201 North Third Street
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