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**POLICY NAME: STATEWIDE SYSTEM ACCESS POLICY**

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**Statewide System Access Policy**

**I. Authorized Statewide System Access**

The state of Louisiana authorizes access to the statewide 700 MHz/800 MHz Project 25 (P25) System, known as the Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) for authorized federal and state first responder agencies, as well as authorized local entities that wish to operate on the system that have eligibility in the Public Safety Radio Pool as described in Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulation (47 CFR-Part 90).

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) may also grant access on a case by case basis to other entities vital to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana, such as Public Utility Companies.

Authorized agencies accessing the LWIN system will have subscriber units that are Project 25 compliant and capable of operating on both the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands.

All agencies, other than agencies utilizing LWIN as of October 22, 2008, must obtain authorization to access LWIN from the SIEC by submitting a letter of application to the Chairman requesting access.

The SIEC requires all agencies to submit their Request for System Access to the Regional Interoperability Committee (RIC) for a letter of endorsement. In the absence of a RIC, the letter may be sent directly to the SIEC Chairman.

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) interoperability staff, along with Department of Public Safety (DPS), Radio Communications, will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee for acceptance onto the system. The Executive Committee will make a determination on whether the applicant will be allowed on the system.

Consoles, CCGW, or any other infrastructure equipment or system that would affect LWIN system resources must be prior reviewed by the SIEC Technical Subcommittee which will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then make a determination.

## II. LWIN Access

Requesting Agencies must follow the steps below to gain access to LWIN

- Agencies who already have subscriber units on LWIN as of October 22, 2008

The following must be submitted to the SIEC Chairman:

- Radio ID Request (Appendix D)
- If additional talkgroups are required, Submit User Agency Talk Group Request (Appendix C - Sample Only)

- Agencies who do not have subscriber units on LWIN as of October 22, 2008

The SIEC requires all agencies to submit their Request for System Access to the Regional Interoperability Working Group for a letter of endorsement. In the absence of a Regional Working Group, the letter may be sent directly to the SIEC Chairman.

The following must be submitted to the SIEC Chairman:

- Letter to Request System Access (Appendix A-Sample Only)
- Agency Information Form (Appendix B)
- User Agency Talk Group Request (Appendix C - Sample Only)
- Radio ID Request (Appendix D)

- **Updates**

Current LWIN subscriber agencies making additions or modifications will deal directly through DPS Radio Communications.

### **III. Responsibilities**

#### **Chairman, SIEC**

- Confirm receipt to Requesting Agency of their Letter of Application
- Present Letter of Application to SIEC with technical analysis on capacity requirements for the affected area
- Notify Requesting Agency if Application was Approved/Denied
- Upon approved Application, immediately forward to DPS, Radio Communications
- Confirm access to LWIN is completed by DPS, Radio Communications
- Provide notification to requesting agency their radios can be programmed
- Upon denied Application, the SIEC will provide a Letter of Explanation to the Requesting Agency as to the reason for the decision

#### **Department of Public Safety (DPS), Radio Communications**

- Upon receipt of information, DPS, Radio Communications will work with the Requesting Agency and provide the following:
  - User Security Group
  - User "Talk Group Prefix"
  - Individual Radio IDs
  - Individual Talk Group IDs
- Notify SIEC Chairman that all required information has been entered into LWIN management terminal and Requesting Agency is able to access the system.
- If a request for LWIN access is received directly by DPS, Radio Communications they will forward the request to the SIEC Chairman prior to initiating any system access process.

### **IV. Contact Information**

Contact information is provided on the LWIN Website,  
<http://gohsep.la.gov/interopcontact.aspx>

## **V. Subscriber Unit Programming**

Programming of subscriber units will be arranged by the Requesting Agencies.

Advanced keys will be purchased by Requesting Agency from vendor and provided to DPS, Radio Communications to load initial programming and returned to Requesting Agency for self programming. All subscriber units will be programmed as designated per the Interoperable Channels and Talkgroups Policy. To program advanced keys with other agencies talk groups, a Letter of Approval from the respective agency will be provided to programmer.