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### **Third Quarterly Report by 700 MHz Waiver Recipient – Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB)**

By FCC Waiver Order 10-79, 700 MHz waiver recipients are required to file quarterly reports advising the FCC of progress in build-out of a conditionally approved 700 MHz public safety wireless broadband system. Therefore, ISICSB reports as follows:

#### **I. Planning**

A. The ISICSB was not awarded a BTOP grant per its request. This factor has substantially set-back Iowa's planned build-out of a 700 MHz public safety broadband network. Given the loss of this financial catalyst, ISICSB's timetable will be accordingly moved back. The ISICSB is now working on issuing an RFI in early 2011 to explore our build-out options given the complexity of this project.

B. Other planning activities have included:

- Accumulating industry information related to the required technology.
- Attended and participated in the 2010 Winter Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) Conference in Boulder, CO focusing on LTE and broadband build-outs, as well as meeting with the FCC on proposed rules.
- Meeting with FCC and PSST officials, and closely coordinating planning efforts with the PSST – Operator's Advisory Committee (OAC) members who are in a like position.
- Actively participating in PSST, PSCR and related working groups,
- Iowa has a new Governor and several new legislators. We will be working with both to explore build-out opportunities.
- Coordination with neighboring states,
- Communicating with public safety officials within Iowa.

#### **II. Funding**

A. As previously advised, the ISICSB applied for BTOP grant funds to provide the much needed catalyst for a build-out of a wireless broadband public safety



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project under the re-opening of Round 2, June 1 – July 1, 2010. Iowa was not awarded any BTOP funds. Build-out and funding options will be explored with the new Governor and legislature in early 2011.

B. As a result of not receiving BTOP grant funds, the ISICSB and officials in Iowa will need to re-examine funding solutions. An RFI will be issued to assist in identifying the most efficient and financially practical plan in building out a wireless broadband network for Iowa.

### III. Deployment

A. No RFP has been issued, nor equipment purchased to date, as these actions are dependent upon funding and coordination with the new Governor's office and legislature.

#### Site development, including use of existing towers

A. Approximately 94 existing sites were identified in the proposed BTOP grant project area. Given the setback due to the lack of BTOP grant funding, the proposed project area will be re-examined consistent with projected state and local funding.

B. In the proposed system build-out, there are approximately 40 new sites which may be needed. Given the setback due to the lack of BTOP grant funding, the proposed project area will be re-examined consistent with projected state and local funding. Projected deployment timelines will be better known after the above RFI is issued and the legislature reconvenes.

C. At this time, there are no presently known rights of way issues related to the sites which could pose jurisdictional issues and result in delays.

D. No additional site acquisitions or developments are planned until the above is completed.

#### Deployments and upgrades (commencement and completion), including site information and location

A. Projected deployment timelines will be better known after the above RFI is issued and the ISICSB is able to meet with the incoming Governor and legislature.

B. The ISICSB did not submit an Interoperability Showing as it are not in a position for immediate build-out, as explained above.



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C. The proposed network will be accessible to all public safety entities in the project area.

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**Applications in development or in use**

A. There are no applications in development or in use at this time.

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