

QUARTERLY REPORT #6
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As required of all public safety Waiver Recipients in paragraph 64 of the Waiver Order, the Wisconsin Counties file this report to address progress on the 700 MHz Broadband Network Project.

I. Planning

The Wisconsin Counties received notification on October 4, 2010 from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) that their BTOP Application (EG ID #7827) was not selected for funding and will not be considered further for an award. Without the award or other significant financial support, the Counties are unable to aggressively pursue this project. It is unlikely that additional work on an RFP will occur until needed financial support is secured.

II. Funding

The Wisconsin Counties received notification from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) that funding will not be provided via the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). At this time, no additional funding has been sought beyond the BTOP application and the associated 20% local match. Other funding options are being investigated, including mutually beneficial private/public relationships, but no timeline has been established.

III. Deployment

Presently there are no equipment development efforts and no equipment purchases made. Consequently, an estimated date for beginning operation of a Wisconsin Counties' broadband network is unavailable at this time.

During the BTOP grant application process 27 existing tower sites were identified. Consultants projected that 20 new towers would be required, 6 to replace existing towers.

The project proposes to use existing fiber only. Any new connectivity will be by microwave, thus no new fiber will be installed and right-of-way issues should not occur.

There is currently no work being performed to secure additional sites.
Project start date is contingent upon availability of funds.

The Wisconsin Counties' Interoperability Showing document was sent to the FCC by overnight carrier on July 15, 2010 and included a request for confidentiality.

A revised Wisconsin Counties' Interoperability Showing document was sent to the FCC by overnight carrier on August 13, 2010 and included a request for confidentiality.

A request by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as required pursuant to Section 47. C.F.R. § 0.442 of the Commission's rules was granted by the Wisconsin Counties on December 20, 2010 for disclosure of the revised Interoperability Showing document to the Department of Homeland Security.

The Sheriff's Department operates the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) in each of the three counties. The PSAP's currently serve all public safety agencies in their respective counties. As such, all public safety agencies currently access the public safety voice and data radio systems and will have access to the 700 MHz Broadband Network as it is deployed in the future.