

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)
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Requests for Waiver of Various)
Petitioners to Allow the Establishment) PS Docket No. 06-229
of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety)
Wireless Broadband Networks)
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**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY
Quarterly Report #6**

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (“LA-RICS” or “System”) Authority hereby submits to the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”), this quarterly report as required by the Commission’s Waiver Order.¹ The Authority was granted a waiver by the Commission for early deployment of a public safety broadband network in the 700 MHz spectrum. This report provides the Commission with a status update on its efforts to deploy LA-SafetyNet.

I. PLANNING

On July 28, 2011, the LA-RICS Authority Board of Directors (“Board”) held a special meeting to discuss the status of the procurement process. Per Counsel’s review, the original procurement for a turn-key system was not in compliance with California Public Contracts Code. After presentation by Counsel and discussion, the Board passed a motion to cancel the existing LA-RICS procurement and asked staff to return with recommendations on a new procurement process. On August 4, 2011, the Board directed staff to prepare a new Request for Proposal (“RFP”) consisting of both the Long Term Evolution (“LTE”) broadband system and the Project 25 Land Mobile Radio (“LMR”) system. At their regular meeting on September 1, 2011 and

¹ In the Matter of Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks, Order, FCC 10-79 at para. 63-64, PS Docket No. 06-229 (May 12, 2010) (“Waiver Order”)

subsequent special meetings on September 15th and September 22nd, the Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of issuing one RFP encompassing both the LTE broadband system and the LMR system or separate RFPs for the LTE broadband system and the LMR system. On September 22, 2011 the Board approved the one RFP approach.

Concurrent with the Board's discussion regarding the procurement approach, the County of Los Angeles sponsored legislation, Assembly Bill 946, to allow the Authority to use a solicitation process to award a contract for the design, construction and delivery of the system through a turn-key procurement. Assembly Bill 946 was approved in both the California Assembly and Senate and signed into law by the Governor on October 3, 2011.

On October 6, 2011, the Board approved the release of a new RFP with the condition that legal counsel and a subcommittee of the Board review and approve the final version before it is issued. At this time, staff is making final changes to the RFP to present to legal counsel and the subcommittee for approval. We anticipated issuing the new LA-RICS RFP no later than October 21, 2011.

In addition, the Authority issued a RFP for preparation of environmental documents in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) and the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) on September 7, 2011. The deadline to submit proposals for the environmental documentation RFP is October 27, 2011.

Finally, on October 6, 2011, the Board also approved the release of a project management services RFP. Staff and legal counsel are diligently working on the project management RFP and we anticipate releasing the RFP by the end of the month.

II. FUNDING

The total estimated cost to build and implement LASafety-Net is \$245 million. The Authority received \$154.6 million in Broadband Technology Opportunity Program ("BTOP") grant funds to design, build and deploy LASafety-Net. The Authority's staff is working with the

National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA") to ensure compliance with all grant award conditions.

III. DEPLOYMENT

A. Status of Equipment Deployment and purchase, including number of devices and users.

At this time no equipment has purchased or deployed.

B. Site Development

At this time there are no changes to the conceptual design plan. The final design plan will be developed after a contract is executed with a vendor. Existing member sites will be utilized as much as possible. The need for new sites will be determined once a contract is executed and a final design is approved.

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

A schedule for deployment will be developed following contract execution and approval of a final design plan.

D. Applications in development or in use

There are no applications in deployment or in use at this time. The Authority will implement applications as required by the Waiver Order and Commission rules.

Respectfully Submitted,



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