

City of Seattle Quarterly Report #7¹
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I. Planning

Expected timing for development and issuance of any RFI/RFP

A. Expected timing for RFI/RFP

1. *When will RFI or RFP be issued (any progress or outcome)?*
2. *If the RFI or RFP has been issued, what is the timing of the response window and the succeeding timing for a decision by the Waiver recipient?*

The City issued a Request for Information (RFI) regarding possible public-private partnerships for the purpose of provisioning state-of-the art wireless mission-critical voice and broadband data capabilities for public safety and general government throughout three counties. The RFI was issued by the City on behalf of the Radio Executive Policy Committee (REPC), which is a policy committee comprised of executives and elected officials from the three County Seattle UASI Urban Area. The RFI was released on December 9, 2011 to help determine various options and associated feasibilities including private-public partnerships. Responses to the RFI must be received by 3:00 PM, Pacific Standard Time, on February 10, 2012. The City will share its analysis of any responses with other jurisdictions that have received 700-MHz FCC waivers.

As stated in October's report, after the City determines its preferred strategy for implementation and funding, the City will release a formal RFP. The estimated release date for the RFP is not known at this time.

- B. What other planning activities have occurred which may increase the potential for timely submissions of FCC deliverables (e.g., meetings with vendors, coordination within the state or, if relevant, any coordination with other neighboring states, communications with public safety officials, narrowband relocation efforts)?*

The City continues to participate in a regional group, the Project Steering Committee (PSC). The PSC reports monthly to the Radio Executive Policy Committee (REPC). The PSC is actively preparing and coordinating LMR and LTE roadmaps for the region. This increases the potential for supporting coordination with other FCC waiver recipients and communications with public safety officials across the country.

The REPC issued an RFP during November 2011 to obtain consultant services to explore formal governance structures to manage public safety communications in the Region. The bid was awarded on December 19, 2011. Contract deliverables, including the identification and facilitated resolution of governance issues, are due to the REPC over the next six months.

¹ Paragraph 64 of the *Waiver Order* requires the Petitioners to file, in consultation with the PSST, a quarterly status report with the FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. The *Waiver Order* requires Quarterly Reports to address Petitioners' progress in three areas: (1) planning; (2) funding; and (3) deployment.

In addition, the REPC expects to receive the PSC's report and recommendations by February 2012, currently in research and preparation, outlining options for improving voice and data communications in the region.

II. Funding

Status of efforts to obtain funding for planning and/or deployment, including budgeting, assessments, grants or other means

A. Briefly describe any efforts to obtain funding (e.g., BTOP application) for the Project

No change from October's report. The City of Seattle did not receive BTOP grant funding. The City is currently re-evaluating its funding strategy.

B. Briefly describe Recipient's current funding plan and expected funding timeline

No change from October's report. The City of Seattle does not have a specific timeline at this point.

III. Deployment

Status of equipment development and purchase, including number of devices and users

A. Identify any completed efforts at equipment development

No change from October's report. None at this time

B. Describe any equipment purchases, including types, numbers of devices and who will be the proposed users

No change from October's report. City of Seattle developed an initial list of user devices for its BTOP application. We anticipate that there will be changes to the initial list of devices; and expect to have additional information after the City conducts its RFP process.

Site development, including use of existing towers

A. How many sites currently exist in the Project area?

No change from October's report. The preliminary design report prepared by Televate, LLC recommended 34 LTE radio access network sites. The City of Seattle still anticipates that there could be changes to the list of sites as a result of the RFP process, vendor site surveys, and detailed site engineering work. City of Seattle expects to have more detail for future reports after the RFP process.

B. How many new sites may be needed and will such new builds require additional time for permitting which could delay deployment?

No change from October's report. The sites selected for City of Seattle's preliminary design report prepared by Televate, LLC are existing sites that do not require construction or significant building modifications. No time delays due to permitting are anticipated.

- C. *Are there any rights of way issues related to the sites which could pose jurisdictional issues and result in delays?*

No change from October's report. City of Seattle does not anticipate any right-of-way issues that could cause delays.

- D. *What is the status of site acquisition or development (e.g. number of sites completed and ready for equipment deployment, number in progress, number not yet started)?*

No change from October's report. Site-specific work to prepare radio sites for deployment has not yet begun.

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

- A. *Expected construction/deployment timeline*

No change from October's report. The City does not have a specific project timeline at this point. The City of Seattle is currently re-evaluating the funding strategy. It is too early for Seattle to identify a date for the beginning of operation of its network.

- B. *Interoperability Showing (Confirm submittal of copy to FCC and PSST)*

No change from October's report. City of Seattle submitted an Interoperability Showing to the FCC on July 19, 2010.

- C. *Confirm access to all public safety entities in your geographic area (Order para. 54)*

No change from October's report. City of Seattle will ensure that all public safety agencies operating within the geographic areas covered by City of Seattle's network will have access to the network.

Applications in development or in use

No change from October's report. City of Seattle expects to deploy a network that supports the five applications described in paragraph 46 of the waiver order.