

**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 #8**

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 LA-RICS 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

The LA-RICS Authority released a new Request for Proposal (RFP) on November 8, 2011 for a Telecommunications System capable of supporting a Long Term Evolution (LTE) broadband mobile data system. On January 3, 2012, the LA-RICS Authority received two proposals. The Evaluation Team has completed its review of the proposals and the LA-RICS Authority initiated negotiations on contract terms and conditions on March 20, 2012. Pursuant to recent communication from the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) regarding a partial suspension of Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grant funds for the purchase of LTE equipment, the LA-RICS Authority has issued a notice suspending contract negotiations for at least two weeks, with additional extension of the suspension predicated on further action by the NTIA.

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")

The LA-RICS Authority also received proposals on January 19, 2012 in response to the Project and Construction Management Services RFP. After completing evaluations and negotiations, the LA-RICS Authority executed a contract with a project and construction management firm on March 29, 2012. The selected firm will monitor and manage all aspects of the LA-RICS project including schedules, budgets, system architecture, contractors and site related activities. The additional project management expertise and experienced staff will help ensure that the LA-RICS project meets all critical milestones and deadlines.

The LA-RICS Authority is also making progress on the environmental assessment of sites. This past quarter, the LA-RICS Authority completed field visits to collect data for 255 sites; provided NTIA with a draft project description; commenced outreach to local jurisdictions; and compiled a site database for analysis and preparation of technical reports. Preliminary drafts of technical reports are currently being prepared.

II. FUNDING

The total estimated cost to build and implement LASafety-Net is \$218 million. The Authority has obligated \$154.6 million in BTOP grant funds to design, build and deploy LASafety-Net. The Authority's staff is working with the NTIA to ensure compliance with all grant award conditions. The LA-RICS Authority is waiting for further instruction from NTIA regarding the partial suspension grant funds for the purchase of LTE equipment.

III. DEPLOYMENT

On January 9, 2012, the FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) issued the PLMN ID Order (See Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks, PS Docket 06-229, Order, DA12-25, (PSHSB rel. Jan. 9, 2012) (PLMN ID Order)), requiring Waiver Recipients to submit their choice of numbering administrator for approval and, provided that the Bureau approves the submission, complete the development of a numbering scheme by March 31, 2012.

On February 8, 2012, all twenty-one Waiver Recipients filed a joint request asking the Bureau to approve the selection of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as the numbering administrator.

On March 16, 2012, the Bureau issued an Order (See Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks, PS Docket 06-229, Order, DA12-423, (PSHSB rel. March 16, 2012)), approving SAIC to serve as the common numbering administrator.

The Waiver Recipients, through the Operator Advisory Committee, diligently worked with SAIC on the development of the numbering scheme.

The LA-RICS Authority verifies that it completed the development of the numbering scheme by the March 31, 2012 deadline as required by the PLMN ID Order.

The LA-RICS Authority also verifies that there is no new information regarding SAIC's licenses or affiliations that might call into question its ability to serve as a fair and impartial administrator.

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

At this time no equipment has been purchased or deployed.

B. Site Development

There are no site development activities at this time.

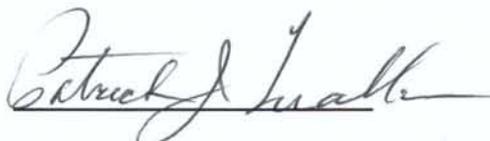
C. Deployments and upgrades (commencement and completion), including site information and location

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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