



HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Information Technology Center

Bruce High
Chief Information Officer

April 25, 2012

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Ex Parte Presentation
PS Dockets No. 06-229, 12-94

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, April 25, 2012, Bruce High, Craig Bernard and Robert Cavazos representing Harris County Information Technology Center, Doug Adkinson, representing the Harris County Judge's Office, and Todd Early, Mike Barney and Cynthia Wenzel Cole, representing the State of Texas, participated in a phone conference call with Admiral James Barnett, Jennifer Manner, Gene Fullano, Brian Hurley and Erika Olsen, all of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

The purpose of the meeting was to request an understanding of the status and timing for the approval of the *Texas Interoperability Showing, v9* filed on January 13, 2012.

Harris County communicated that as the target Date of Service Availability of May 31, 2012 draws near, a clear picture of the timing and process for approval is becoming increasingly urgent. The client agencies of the system have contributed substantial funding and are understandably becoming anxious about the uncertainty of the current situation. The team expressed how the pressures from local stakeholders are increasing given the level of local investments, near term grant deadlines and most importantly, the need to begin utilizing the system. Most importantly, since the coverage is situated near the Port of Houston, the system needs to begin delivering services to provide enhanced protection of life and property, especially as hurricane season begins on June 1st.

The State of Texas expressed appreciation for the partnership with the Bureau and conveyed that the State of Texas has invested substantial resources to work through the issues associated with developing the interoperability plans and commitments, as captured in the *Texas Interoperability Showing, v9* and therefore joins their partners in Harris County in urging prompt action on this matter.

In summary, the team respectfully requested that the authorization to operate be granted as soon as possible and appreciated any advice which could be provided to help facilitate that action by the Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: James Barnett, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
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