

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Quarterly Report #9**  
**to the Federal Communications Commission**  
**Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau**  
**Regarding Progress in Deployment of a Public Safety LTE Broadband Wireless Network**  
**July 10, 2012**

**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 New Jersey Office of Information Technology (OIT) released an RFP on July 7, 2011. Bids were received on November 25, 2011. After careful review the State determined that it was unable to award a contract to any of the respondents. The State intended to reissue an RFP, however On May 11, 2012 the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), partially suspended all BTOP public safety grants including New Jersey's in an effort to address the potential effect Title VI of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (ACT) may have on a national public safety network. All activities associated with the purchase and deployment of Long Term Evolution (LTE) equipment was indefinitely suspended.

Please note that any revisions in The State of New Jersey's BTOP-funded project as a result of the circumstances related to the ACT do not change the State's desire to retain its current authorization to use the 700 MHz public safety spectrum identified in the Commission's May 11, 2010 Waiver order (FCC 10-79). This view was communicated to the commission in New Jersey's Comments of April 20, 2012 (PS Dkt. Nos. 12-94 and 06-229), and most recently in a letter to Chairman Genachowski on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

The State of New Jersey was awarded \$39.6 million from BTOP to create a 700MHz LTE wireless public safety network in the UASI region of the state. The project is suspended until the State and NTIA come to an agreement on a spending plan that does not include LTE.

**III. Deployment**

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

- A. Identify any completed efforts at equipment development*
- B. Describe any equipment purchases, including types, numbers of devices and who will be the proposed users*

No purchases have been made at this time.

**Site development, including use of existing towers**

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

There are 114 existing tower sites in the current project area.

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

At this time we do not anticipate building additional tower sites.

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

At this time the State does not expect any rights of way issues.

*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)?*

Thus far New Jersey has not developed any sites. However, the State is contemplating the options to use non-suspended grant funds to do site acquisition and development work described as “low risk activities” in the NTIA suspension letter. Before doing so the State and NTIA must agree on a revised budget and plan.

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

*A. Expected construction/deployment timeline*

If approved, the State will start site evaluations during the third quarter of 2012. Site upgrades will be completed by the second quarter of 2015. LTE deployment is unknown at this time.

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

Unknown at this time.

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

Geographic coverage requirements will be mandated in the RFP specification. All public safety entities will have access to the spectrum. Coverage certification will be included in the contractor’s testing phase. Roaming agreements may be used to fill holes in coverage area.

**PLMN ID**

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 State of New Jersey verifies that, through the Operator Advisory Committee, it completed the development the numbering scheme by the March 31, 2012 deadline as required by the PLMN ID Order.

The State of New Jersey 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.