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SUBJECT: Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program Allocation
Announcement

The Department of Commerce National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA), in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), announces the allocation of over \$968 million to all 56 States and Territories for the PSIC Grant Program. These one-time grants will be awarded by September 30, 2007 and grant projects will be completed by September 30, 2010. PSIC Grant Program applications will be due August 20, 2007.

The PSIC funding allocation determination leveraged the existing Fiscal Year 2007 DHS risk methodology. In making grant determinations, NTIA and DHS considered the threat, vulnerability, and consequences of natural disasters and an attack on critical infrastructure using an all hazards approach. To ensure effectiveness, funding will be released to the grantees after an interagency review of their Statewide Plans and Investment Justifications. The PSIC Allocation Announcement complies with the deadline set forth in the Call Home Act of 2006. The specific allocation amounts for each of the 56 States and Territories are included as Appendix A.

NTIA and DHS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on February 16, 2007 to implement the PSIC Grant Program. NTIA and the DHS, Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) have worked together to develop the grant guidance and additional PSIC requirements for the DHS required Statewide Communications Interoperability Plans.

As stated in the Deficit Reduction Act, the purpose of the PSIC Grant Program is to improve public safety agencies' interoperable communications capabilities through the "acquisition of, deployment of, or training for" the use of interoperable communications systems that can utilize reallocated public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz band for radio communication.

The eligible applicants for this grant program are the 56 States and Territories. The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is responsible for obligating PSIC funds to eligible pass-through recipients. A recipient

must be a public safety agency that is a State, local or tribal government entity or nongovernmental organization authorized by such entity, whose sole or principal purpose is to protect safety of life, health, or property. Accordingly, the relevant SAA is the only entity eligible to apply for the funds identified in this program announcement.

A forthcoming “PSIC Investment Justification Reference Guide” will provide best practices and further define criteria for State and Territories to consider when soliciting, collecting, and prioritizing Investment Justifications. Each State and Territory is required to develop a portfolio summary of all of its investments indicating how they were selected by the SAA and then forwarded to the Federal government.

All States and Territories may submit preliminary Statewide Plans by September 30, 2007 for a mid-term review, and the final plans are due by November 1, 2007. These deadlines have been revised from previously identified in the FY 06-07 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) in order to more closely align with the September 30, 2007 PSIC Grant Program award date, as directed by the Call Home Act of 2006.

Key PSIC Grant Program deadlines:

- **30 Days After Posting to the Federal Registry Notice:** Submit application and narrative on www.grants.gov.
- **September 30, 2007 (Optional):** Submit preliminary Statewide Communications Plan.
- **November 1, 2007:** Submit final Statewide Communications Interoperability Plans to the NPD Secure Portal, which can be accessed at <https://odp.esportals.com>.
- **November 1, 2007:** Submit Investment Justification and project narrative to the NPD Secure Portal, which can be accessed at <https://odp.esportals.com>.

Should you need additional information or have further questions regarding the PSIC Grant Program, please visit the NTIA website <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/psic/index.html> or contact your Preparedness Officer or the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) at 1-800-368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov.

Appendix A
Final Award Amounts by State and Territory for PSIC Grant Program

States and Territories	Funding Allocations
California	\$ 94,034,510
Texas	\$ 65,069,247
New York	\$ 60,734,783
Florida	\$ 42,888,266
Illinois	\$ 36,414,263
Pennsylvania	\$ 34,190,555
New Jersey	\$ 30,806,646
Ohio	\$ 29,377,337
Georgia	\$ 25,311,354
Michigan	\$ 25,039,781
Virginia	\$ 25,012,521
Maryland	\$ 22,934,593
North Carolina	\$ 22,130,199
Massachusetts	\$ 21,191,988
Louisiana	\$ 19,672,287
Washington	\$ 19,180,347
Indiana	\$ 18,291,735
Arizona	\$ 17,713,050
Tennessee	\$ 17,540,752
Missouri	\$ 17,465,576
Kentucky	\$ 15,405,625
Wisconsin	\$ 15,367,216
Colorado	\$ 14,336,638
Minnesota	\$ 14,262,071
Alabama	\$ 13,585,399
South Carolina	\$ 13,499,308
Connecticut	\$ 12,999,879
Oregon	\$ 12,182,532
Nevada	\$ 12,042,417
District of Columbia	\$ 11,857,972
Oklahoma	\$ 11,684,183
Arkansas	\$ 11,169,402
Mississippi	\$ 10,989,345
Iowa	\$ 10,935,974
Kansas	\$ 10,667,169
Utah	\$ 10,353,261
Puerto Rico	\$ 9,590,025
Nebraska	\$ 8,582,108
West Virginia	\$ 8,429,484
New Mexico	\$ 8,288,725
Delaware	\$ 8,196,842
Hawaii	\$ 8,069,879
Maine	\$ 7,567,579
Rhode Island	\$ 7,365,694
Idaho	\$ 7,289,795

Alaska	\$	7,250,345
North Dakota	\$	7,052,490
South Dakota	\$	6,549,691
Montana	\$	6,549,685
New Hampshire	\$	5,966,760
Wyoming	\$	5,952,187
Vermont	\$	4,476,761
Guam	\$	2,600,678
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$	856,907
Northern Mariana Islands	\$	719,236
American Samoa	\$	691,948
Total	\$	968,385,000

Tier 1 Urban Areas	Funding Allocation
New York City Area, NY	\$ 34,812,602
Los Angeles/Long Beach Area, CA	\$ 22,278,788
Jersey City/Newark Area, NJ	\$ 17,495,751
Chicago Area, IL	\$ 16,195,438
Houston Area, TX	\$ 14,586,128
Bay Area, CA	\$ 14,528,292
National Capital Region*	\$ 11,857,972
Total	\$ 131,754,972

*This allocation only represents District of Columbia funding, which may support the National Capital Region Tier 1 Urban Area. In submitting their investment justifications, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia SAAs should consider both State-specific as well as National Capital Region interoperability projects.