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**TO:** All State Administrative Agency Heads  
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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](http://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](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov).

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

| <b>States and Territories</b> | <b>Funding Allocations</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 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               |

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| 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            |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$</b> | <b>968,385,000</b> |

| <b>Tier 1 Urban Areas</b>       | <b>Funding Allocation</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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             |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$ 131,754,972</b>     |

\*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.