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**SUBJECT:** Introduction to Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program Assistance

This Information Bulletin (IB) announces the establishment of PSIC assistance for each of the 56 States and Territories. PSIC assistance will provide support to your State to help effectively implement PSIC Investments and comply with programmatic requirements within the period of performance (by September 30, 2010). The program has allocated administrative funds for this assistance effort.

PSIC assistance provides ongoing support through the coordinated components (detailed below) for the duration of the PSIC Grant Program. The program components comprise a number of support areas and service offerings including, but not limited to the following:

***Project Management Templates and Best Practices***

- Timeline development and tracking
- Budgeting
- Project and financial tracking
- Implementing investments
- Purchasing and outsourcing

***Understanding Grant Requirements***

- Matching funds
- Allowed expenses
- Reporting requirements

***National Environmental Protection Act Review***

- Environmental requirements compliance

***System Engineering Support***

- Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system analysis
- LMR system migration
- Radio frequency drive test measurements
- Project 25 (P25) information sharing
- P25 LMR workshops
- Microwave design analysis
- Gateway information and training

***Planning and Operations Workshops***

- Standard Operating Procedures
- Memoranda of Understanding
- Training and exercises

Please note that this assistance is not the same as the Office of Emergency Communication's (OEC) technical assistance that is delivered through the Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP). However, the PSIC Grant Program is coordinating with OEC ICTAP to identify any PSIC related technical assistance requested through ICTAP that may be fulfilled through PSIC's assistance.

To request PSIC assistance, please complete the attached Technical Assistance Request form and email it to [FEMA-TARequest@fema.gov](mailto:FEMA-TARequest@fema.gov). PSIC assistance requests must be submitted by the State Administrative Agency, including support for sub-grantees. PSIC assistance requests submitted from any other source will not be granted. Submitted PSIC assistance requests will be coordinated with your State or Territory's FEMA Program Analyst (PA) and the PSIC assistance team.

If you have any questions regarding PSIC assistance, please email [PSIC@dhs.gov](mailto:PSIC@dhs.gov). We look forward to assisting you in successfully implementing your interoperable communications projects.