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SUBJECT: Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program
Period of Performance Extension

This Information Bulletin (IB) announces that President Obama has signed into law a statute that extends the period of performance for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program, which is jointly administered by the Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency. It is important to note that this statute does not result in any new or additional funding for PSIC Investments and associated projects.

P. L.111-96 was signed into law on November 6, 2009, and provides additional time for funding previously made available to administer the PSIC Grant Program to remain available. Specifically, the new statute provides all PSIC grantees a one year period of performance extension to complete approved PSIC Investment(s) no later than September 30, 2011. The new statute also allows for the possibility of an additional one-year period of performance extension to September 30, 2012 if the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information approves the grantee's extension application. In making a determination as to whether an extension beyond September 30, 2011, is warranted, the Assistant Secretary will consider: (1) the circumstances that gave rise to the need for the extension beyond September 30, 2011, (2) the likelihood of completion of performance if given an extension to September 30, 2012, and (3) such other factors as the Assistant Secretary deems necessary to make the determination.

The PSIC Program Managers are currently developing an application process for those grantees that determine it is necessary to apply for the two-year extension. Please note that this process will require detailed information from the applicant, and each application will undergo a high-level of scrutiny during the internal review period.

If you have any questions regarding the PSIC Grant Program or the period of performance extension in the new statute, please email PSIC@dhs.gov. We look forward to working with you to successfully implement your interoperable communications projects.