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Friendly Reminders

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We will get started promptly at 1:00pm. Thank you for your participation!
Agenda

• Overview of Round 2 SICG
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  – Funding and Award Distribution
  – Permissible / Non-Permissible Costs
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Round 2 SICG
Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant
Webinar
Round 2 SICG Objectives

• **Improve collaboration** with first responder agencies among all levels of government

• **Expand consortium/regional partnerships** inclusive of multi-jurisdiction, multi-discipline, intergovernmental (State/local/NGO) stakeholders

• **Develop operating procedures** in counties, between counties and agencies

• **Implementation and use of National Interoperability Channels and State, Regional, Tribal and Local Mutual Aid channels**
Program Goals

1. Development and coordination of National Interoperability Channels, State, Regional, Tribal and Local mutual aid channels;
2. Development of interoperable communications infrastructure;
3. Development of governance and SOPs;
4. Development of statewide communications resources inventory (including continuous participation in CASM-Communications Assets Survey and Mapping tool) and Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan (TICP) development, update and utilization.
Funding and Award Distribution

• Available funding - $36 million
  – Large-scale systems and infrastructure
  – Expansion of consortia, SOP development
  – Subsequent phases of projects previously supported

• Maximum award is $6 million per application

• Only one application per county
Grant Period/Reimbursement Period

• **Grant Contract Period** – 12 months, starts with the execution of the contract. Renewals -up to 2 years at the state’s discretion, subject to an appropriation.

• **Reimbursement Period** – starts at the notice of award and concludes at the end of a grant contract period.
Eligibility

- Be a county government
- Be an active member of, or demonstrated a commitment to, a regional consortium
- Accessibility for other jurisdictions and levels of government
- Submitted NECP Goal 2
- NIMS compliant
- Only permissible costs in the application
- Timely submittal
- RFA checklist
Grant Components

- **Component (a)** – Improve interoperable communications through developing, expanding or consolidating large-scale, regionally-focused LMR systems for public safety use among two or more counties supporting multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline, including State agencies. (80-97%)

- **Component (b)** – Improve governance structure, develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), strengthen training and exercise programs to promote efficient interregional communications, interoperability, cooperation and overall first responder readiness. (3-20%)

*Application must contain both components.*
Grant Funding Distribution per Application

- Component (a): 80% - 97%
- Component (b): 3% - 20%
Permissible / Non-Permissible Costs

• **Permissible**
  – Equipment, infrastructure, technology
    • Subscriber equipment, *only* when such equipment is a part of the larger project
  – Planning, Administration, and Deployment

• **Non-Permissible Costs**
  – Proprietary technologies
  – Salaries
  – Projects benefiting only single organization or jurisdiction
  – Subscriber equipment, when such equipment is *not* a part of the larger project
  – Broadband
  – Debt service or local municipal bond funding
  – Unrelated to LMR expenses
Differences between Round 1 and Round 2

• Maximum award amount ($6mil)
• Only one application per county
• One application category with 2 components
• Eligibility Criteria includes NECP Goal 2 submissions
• Permissible/Non-Permissible Costs
• Application format and electronic submission
## Application Content

- **Tier I** – General Eligibility Criteria ("yes" or "no")
- **Tier II** – Global Project Criteria

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How to Complete an Application

• General format of the application (Word-restricted for editing with form-filling allowed)
• Follow instructions, answer all applicable questions
• Application cover page by mail! (2 originals, signed)
• Follow RFA Checklist
• Follow instructions to submit application and any attachments
• Recommendation: after e-mailing your application, send a follow-up e-mail without any attachments requesting an acknowledgment.

• Submit your application before deadline, July 16th!
• Example of RFA
References

• FAQs (http://www.dhsses.ny.gov/oiec/grants/)

• Technical Resources document provide most common acceptable standards

Process for Questions Related to Grant

• All questions must be submitted in writing to dhssesoiec@dhses.ny.gov or mailed and received by us prior to May 30, 2012.

• FAQs will be updated and posted on the website.
Important Dates to Remember

• Submission of Written Questions - **May 30, 2012**

• Request for Applications Updates - **June 6, 2012**

• Applications Due - **July 16, 2012 by 5:00 P.M.**

• Notice of Award - **On or Before August 30, 2012**
Reminders

• Use RFA Checklist
• Answer all questions and fill-out all sections
• Mail paperwork containing original signatures
• E-mail your application and all applicable attachments
• Send a separate e-mail requesting an acknowledgement after you e-mail an application and attachments

• Submit your application before deadline, July 16th!
Future 2012 PSAP Grant

• Public Safety Answering Point Grant (PSAP Grant) - $9 million
  – $7 million for PSAP consolidation & improvements
  – $2 million for operational expenses (other than personal services)

• PSAP operations, consolidation, and improvements—including deployment of next-generation technologies

• Target release – September 2012
Questions?