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Informational Webinar

Friendly Reminders

-Two-Step Process: Please be sure to sign-in through HSIN Connect (by clicking the link) <u>AND</u> dial in through your telephone line. The call-in information was sent in the invitation

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-Necessary Adjustment: Please be sure to **Mute** the sound on your computer.

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

Agenda

- **Overview of Round 2 SICG**
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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 consortiums, 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
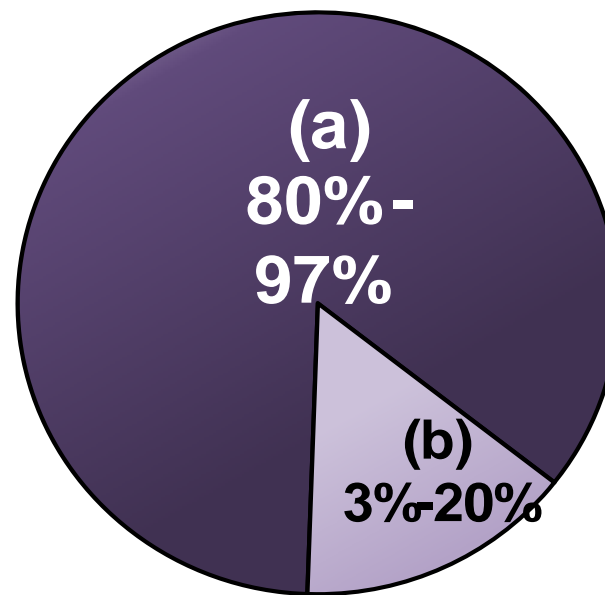- Timely submittal
- RFA checklist

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

Permissible / Non-Permissible Costs

- **Permissible**
  - Equipment, infrastructure, technology
    - Subscriber equipment, <u>only</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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

Section #	Tier II Evaluation Criteria	Section Weight (100%)
1	Project Narrative	4
2	Budget Information / Funding	20
3	Consortium or Regional Partnership Identification	15
4	Alignment To Grant Goals	5
5	Identification Of Level Of Involvement And Coordination With Other Jurisdictions and State Agencies	8
6	Project Outline, Implementation, And Consistency With Technology Concepts And Mandated Standards	5
7	Level Of Improvements In Interoperable Communications	20
8	Radio Spectrum, Frequencies And Licensing	8
9	Training And Exercises	5
10	Project Management	10

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 <u>follow-up e-mail without any attachments</u> requesting an acknowledgment.
- **Submit your application before deadline, July 16th !**
- Example of RFA

References

- FAQs (http://www.dhses.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 dhsesoiec@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?