

SIEC Full Council Meeting
October 4, 2005

I. Introductions

II. Vendor Presentations

- 4 Vendors were present
MACOM, Motorola, Eads, EF Johnson
- Presentations were good overall
- Voice over internet protocol
- P25 Connection standards will be completed in 2006
- Presentations were very technically driven
- Carl and Gale suggested that the technical language is not really the issue that is obstructing interoperability- operations
- Motorola has P25 and is willing to talk
 - EADS, EF Johnson- Equipment is much simpler
 - i. Voice Over IP
- All vendors were in agreement the P25 is the necessary standard
- Standards as an issue
 - Help Reduce Costs
 - Open Architecture is much more cost effective
 - Funding will not be available faster then the hardware is available
 - Procurement must be competitive and open architecture
- Carl- all the vendor would be on board with a plan
- Gale- Will be many more vendors for peripheral gear
- Will state buy interior of structure?
 - IP is basis to shift info
 - Voice over IP- good
 - All radios must be to a standard
- New codex- voice quality is at the radio standard
- New hardware has improved sound
- Too much money is going into interface boxes
- Manufacturers should work to meet a specification
- Hardware- it is not necessary to elaborate
 - Price keeps going down- quality goes up
- We need basic architecture, they can worry about implementation
- Improving Interoperability
 - Who needs to talk to who? We need to know

III. Operational Subgroup

- Operational Aspects
 - Guidance needed, principals to establish operations
 - Need protocol
 - Use the basic framework of NIMS
 - Other States? Florida and hurricane issues
 - Systems physically moved from Florida to Mississippi
 - How did this work in Florida
 - Information Gathering
 - Sense of home rule should be preserved
 - Additional help needed with writing plan
- Struggling with WICORTS and the FCC 700 MHz group
 - Need for a definition of role of SIEC and WICORTS
 - WICORTS advises state agencies/response issues
 - Not state-wide issues
 - WICORTS says they are under the auspices of the SIEC
 - How does the SIEC see WICORTS?
 - WICORTS has been helping localities regionalize instead of statewide
 - Used to focus on state agencies but now are looking statewide
 - Many policy type initiatives are tough for struggling communities
- Should the SIEC meet with WICORTS?
 - Federal Engineering suggested cooperation with state agencies too
- Is the SIEC supporting the Federal Engineering study?
- We don't want to learn from failing
- Commonality should fuel SIEC, leave ownership issues
- Unite the voices (SIEC-WICORTS)
- Once state plan is adopted it is final
 - Need for stronger guidance
 - Get collective list of organizations with representation in area
 - Make proposition paper- describe SIEC authority
- The comment process is taking too long
- More issues are coming up that can be resolved
 - WICORTS may help, work with them
- Governance structure needed
- Fresh look needed
- Standardization
- Let people know what they can expect to see
- Make sure people have reasonable expectations
- Other groups should be welcomed in for input
- Chief Cameron would like to see a synopsis- how do other counties work
 - Broader issues?
 - Coordinate with other communities
 - Ex.- Southeast Interoperability group

- Keep informed
- IV. Open Discussion about SIEC brochure
 - Overall Presentation good
 - Errors
 - Operational Aspects to be added to 5 steps
 - Final copies will be sent to SIEC members ASAP
- V. Discussion about P25 led by OJA's Gale Sorum
 - Passed out terminology sheet, general descriptions
 - SIEC should be making declarations and then acting on them
 - Definition of P25
 - Different categories of P25 handout
 - IP is not required for P25
 - Digital is required
 - Descriptions continually changing, last years descriptions don't match this years, hardware etc.
 - In Wisconsin keep standard terms
 - Compatible? Compliant

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