



WISCOM Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

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Memorandum of Understanding for the use of Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Funds

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into between the WI Office of Justice Assistance (OJA), and _____ (hereafter, referred to as the "Association") outlines the terms and conditions for the allocation and usage of U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Commerce grant funds for the purposes of interoperable communications for local and state emergency responders and other emergency officials.

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 to FY 2010 Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program provides funding for Planning, Acquisition, Deployment, Training, and Management & Administration for the use of interoperable communications systems that use or enable interoperability with communications systems that can use the reallocated public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz frequency band for radio communications for state and local emergency responders and other officials. The federal grant guidance requires that 80% of grant funds be obligated to local units of government.

WHEREAS, the federal grant guidance allows that non-local entities may hold portions of the 80% allocation of grant funds on behalf of local units of government providing that local organizations enter into a memorandum of understanding specifying the amount of funds to be retained by the non-local entity. The Association agrees that up to \$14,500,000 allocated by the PSIC grant is to be used by the Office of Justice Assistance for the WISCOM Project for related PSIC Planning, and Acquisition, Deployment, Training and M&A and to local emergency responders and other local officials including the members of the Association.

OJA will ensure that appropriate personnel and funds will be assigned to the homeland security interoperable communications project as identified as a gap to be filled in the adopted WI Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan, as outlined in Wisconsin's Public Safety Interoperable Communications Application and as required by the DHS and SAFECOM Grant Guidance.

WHEREAS, the Association agrees to the use of local grant funds to support the development and implementation of the homeland security WISCOM interoperable communications project by OJA. The WISCOM project will be a multi-year, multi-phase project addressing interoperability, and agency's emergency needs of existing capabilities and current FCC mandates.

OJA will oversee the implementation of the Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications (WISCOM) for Wisconsin. WISCOM will also address individual agency needs in obtaining communications equipment if such equipment is lacking and is needed by that agency to function within the WISCOM project.

This agreement shall be effective from August 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 subject to renewal upon mutual agreement by both parties.

By: WI Office Justice Assistance

By: _* _____ Association

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David Steingraber

Executive Director

President

Date Signed: _____

Date Signed: _____

*This MOU is on file with separate association signatures for:

- Badger State Sheriffs Association
- Wisconsin Chief of Police Association,
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association, and
- Wisconsin Emergency Management Association.