



State Interoperability Executive Council

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Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2007

SIEC Members Present (11): Russ Burger, Dave Hard, Jeff Johnson, John Koreski, Ken Murphy, Rock Rakosi, Clark Seely, Peter Spirup, Bob Strosser, Peter van den Berg, Kristi Wilde

OWIN Staff Present: Mike Zanon, Thomas Dunbar, Steve Noel, Tom Wynkoop

Interested Parties: Tom Clemo, Morgan Cowling, Kit Eldridge, Nancy Harvey, Steve Hill, Tom Kyle, Eulus Newton, Paul Pedersen, Jerry Solomon, Jim Walz, Rick Williams

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order, asking for approval of the minutes from the last meeting, held September 11, 2007.

Motion: Mr. Rakosi
Second: Mr. Strosser
Discussion: None
Passed.

Chair's Report ~ Chief Jeff Johnson

Chair Johnson shared information gained from an October 5th legislative briefing. The representatives who engaged in this conversation displayed a fading reluctance about whether OWIN is optional. Instead, the conversation focused on ideas about how to replace Oregon's infrastructure. While there was not a full concurrence to fund OWIN, there was an agreement that the circular debate concerning cost needs to end. To that effect, legislative leadership will support an in depth study in part of Oregon (seven northwest counties) to better quantify savings opportunities available through partnership. While this geographic area does have a metropolitan focus, it is a reasonable representation and does include the coast. Mr. Zanon added that regardless of this study's outcome, interoperability remains a statewide problem.

Mr. van den Berg suggested it might be beneficial to explore a technology layer, rather than a geographic approach to system replacement. He mentioned some intrinsic problems associated with implementing OWIN based on geography, such as: strategy (where do you start), policy, technology (standards could change by the time you move to the next area), operations and cost. A geographic model asks communities scheduled for the end of the OWIN project timeline to continue maintaining their existing systems for an extended period of time. In this scenario, a key layer is the network (backhaul, including towers and buildings). There are also radio and repeater layers. Starting with the network layer, could produce a palatable first phase cost, while allowing for partnerships and giving local entities a better understanding of their commitment. Since the OWIN project spans several legislative sessions, there is an ongoing risk of lost or reduced funding. Using a layered approach will not leave pockets of the state at risk, but will give every

area the same attention. The layers will support plug and play, allowing for legacy support as well as growth. Chair Johnson indicated the group is open to suggestions and mentioned he might pull together a side meeting to continue this discussion. He added that regardless of the Council's recommendation, the seven county study still needs to occur.

OWIN Director's Report ~ Mike Zanon

COPS Grant Award ~ Mike Zanon

Mr. Zanon reported that since the last meeting, OSP has been awarded \$6 million through a COPS grant. With ODOT's match, the available funds total \$8 million. Spending needs to occur within three years. These dollars will provide for a digital network upgrade that ties in with the IWIN and CRITFE projects as well as the addition of 700MHz mobile data capability. Every aspect of this procurement will be in line with OWIN's standards, in essence representing money we won't need to ask for later.

Medford Site Visit ~ Mike Zanon

Mr. Zanon extended his thanks to Councilor Strosser, Chief Bierweiler and Deputy Chief Craig Amann for hosting this briefing and tour of the Roxy Ann communications site. He appreciated having the right people at the table.

Committee Reports

Technical Committee ~ Rob Reish for Sean McSpaden

Mr. Reish notified the group that the Technical Committee has reviewed the statewide plan and they will document their comments for Ms. Wilde. The Committee also plans to review and prepare comments about the OWIN architecture document prior to the next SIEC meeting. Mr. Reish continued that Mr. McSpaden plans to work with Ms. Wilde to provide input regarding the PSIC grant requirements. When Mr. Reish asked if there was an effort to review TOPOFF feedback, Ms. Wilde added that the Strategic Planning Committee would like a debriefing on the TOPOFF exercise as well. Mr. Murphy will gather TOPOFF comments and share them at the November meeting. He added that gaps identified by TOPOFF could be used to justify future investments.

Partnership Committee ~ Sheriff Russ Burger

Mr. Burger shared that today's Partnership Committee meeting had been postponed. The committee will convene to review the OWIN architecture document before the next SIEC meeting. Mr. Zanon applauded Mr. Burger and Mr. Rakosi for their efforts in gauging partnership commitment.

Strategic Planning Committee ~ Kristi Wilde

Ms. Wilde extended her thanks to those who participated in the recent two-day planning workshop. She asked the group to go to the SIEC website, review the plan and solicit feedback from their constituents. As a next course of action, Ms. Wilde proposed five regional meetings to talk about the statewide plan and PSIC and SCIP requirements. She thanked Mr. Murphy and his staff for helping facilitate the plan's timely submittal, noting the OEM staff overcame some technical challenges along the way. Mr. Seely applauded Ms. Wilde's leadership and requested a short document outlining talking points to discuss with others. Ms. Wilde agreed to prepare this.

Finance Committee ~ Clark Seely

Mr. Seely provided and referenced a budget summary handout, explaining that the Committee was looking at current budgets and funding approaches to determine a starting point. Based on agencies' input, the total biennial authorization is approximately \$14 million. He noted that reporting is not consistent across the four agencies, but that the high level figures represent a fair estimate.

Open Discussion/ Questions

Mr. van den Berg asked what the SIEC's role would be in the February legislative process. Chair Johnson believed the SIEC's role is not broadly understood. He noted that the vendor community has been profoundly responsible in talking about Oregon's needs, but added that the risks associated with OWIN are high (price tag, political risk, technological understanding). Chair Johnson continued that firming up and quantifying partnership savings is key to elevating confidence. Until then, there are things the group can and should be doing now to facilitate interoperability: get state systems together, build partnerships, build grant guidance. He urged the group not to lose sight of today, but to continue to work on a system of systems.

Adjournment

2:15 PM