



# State Interoperability Executive Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2011 – 1:30pm

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On Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 1:37 p.m. Council Chair Jeff Johnson called the State Interoperability Executive Council to order.

## ATTENDEES INCLUDE (Quorum – Confirmed)

Jeff Johnson, Chair  
Dugan Petty  
Tami Dohrman  
Dave Stuckey  
Eulus Newton *for Paul Bell*

Kristi Wilde, Vice-Chair  
Craig Durbin  
Joe Kuran  
Lonny Macy  
Tom Lauer, *non-voting member*

Rock Rakosi  
Kathy George  
Jeff Dickerson  
John Lewis *for Mike Caldwell*

## COUNCIL MINUTES

Chair Johnson entertained a motion to approve minutes from the February 8, 2011 meeting. Rock Rakosi motioned for approval; Kristi Wilde seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

### Staff: Jeff Johnson, Chair

Chair Johnson began the day's discussion with a note about the State Radio Project, formerly known as OWIN. Chair Johnson expressed appreciation for the staff of the State Radio Project for their work to date. The legislature has funded the project for the 2011-2013 biennium. This will allow the project to move forward toward its most pressing objective, meeting the narrowband requirement for the FCC.

Chair Johnson noted that progress is being made nationally on the D-Block effort. A recent bipartisan vote was conducted by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation resulting in a 21-4 vote in favor of the public safety community. Also on the national level, the White House will be holding a broadband event later this week. Dugan Petty from DAS and Paul Pedersen from ODOT will attend this event.

As mentioned at the last meeting, Chair Johnson has been appointed chair of the Emergency Response Interoperability Center – Public Safety Advisory Committee (ERIC-PSAC). This committee will provide recommendations to assist the FCC's Emergency Response Interoperability Center in the development of technical framework and requirements for interoperability in order to ensure that the public safety wireless broadband network is interoperable on a nationwide basis. Steve Noel, Oregon's Interoperability Coordinator has also been appointed to this committee. Chair Johnson will provide the council with additional information about ERIC-PSAC as it is made available.

## STATE RADIO PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT

### Staff: Tom Lauer – Major Project Branch, State Radio Project

### **Associated Handout: "Revised Business Summary," pages 2-8 of the agenda packet**

Tom Lauer reported that the State Radio Project is moving forward out of the legislative session re-tasked and re-focused. Some project elements will extend from the 2011-2013 biennium into the next biennium. The revised project is in accordance with the Governor's budget recommendation.

The revised project budget will allow for:

- Some facility-related upgrades;
- Installation of a trunked radio system in the valley, where the population is the most dense;
- Provide limited interoperability, where necessary;
- Complete pre-existing partnership obligations; and
- Provide full oversight of the project by the legislature, the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Transportation Commission.

Tom Lauer added that included in the agenda packet was a detail of the project obligations. He asked that attendees review this list and notify team members if they feel there is a discrepancy.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chair Johnson reported that at the council committees are in need of revamp as many of their functions are completed by other staff. The SIEC Executive Committee sees these committees as having different roles today than when they were created. The council would like to reinstate the Technical and Partnership committees.

Chair Johnson requested that Joe Kuran consider taking the chair position for the Technical Committee and Commissioner Kathy George consider taking the chair position for the Partnership Committee. Further, the Executive Committee suggested that the Partnership Committee and the (formerly OWIN) Project Steering Committee be consolidated into one cohesive group with the overall goal of ensuring that public safety agencies are entering into functional, viable partnerships that are integrated into the larger state system appropriately. Planning for this consolidation will begin immediately; further, next week's Project Steering Committee meeting will be cancelled due to this impending change. A notice will be sent out regarding the re-tasking of the committee.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

#### **Staff: Kristi Wilde**

Vice-Chair Kristi Wilde began her report with a recap of the accomplishments and progress the council has achieved during this last year. First, the State Radio Project is moving forward. The tools are now in place and ready to move the overall effort in a positive direction. Second, the state has increased involvement at the national level through representation on committees, with employing a full time Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and having an approved 700 MHz initiative for the state. Third, the state has completed NECP Goal One for the UASI region of the state.

The committee held a workshop at the beginning of June to review the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The core goals of the plan remain unchanged, but some of the associated tasks have been updated. The committee will work on illustrating how shared resources are managed, tying in with FEMA and OEM reserves. Vice-Chair Wilde anticipates that the SCIP update and SWIC report will be available for review in August. Vice-Chair Wilde also expressed appreciation for Steve Noel and his efforts to the SCIP as well as to the efforts of the Strategic Planning committee as a whole.

### **State Radio Users Group**

#### **Staff: Tom Lauer**

Tom Lauer reported that the group will be required to deliver a report during the Feb. 2012 legislative session focusing on the relationship of the project and each of its associated state agencies. The group will also be developing a revised project charter in the coming months.

## **Region 35 700 MHz Radio Group**

**Staff: Joe Kuran**

### ***Associated Handout: "LightSquared Flow Chart," page 9 of the agenda packet***

Joe Kuran reported on a recent development in the broadband arena surrounding a firm called LightSquared. LightSquared is working to create an open wireless broadband network using LTE 4G technology. LightSquared builds systems as a commodity then rents the system. Tests have recently been conducted on a LightSquared system in Las Vegas. Researchers found that GPS systems located within approximately one mile of a LightSquared tower were inoperable. As many are aware, trunked radio systems rely heavily on GPS. To date, Motorola reportedly has a solution; however it would require that all GPS units be replaced.

Tom Lauer inquired whether the council has an avenue to participate in this discussion at a national level. Should this system be allowed to continue, the financial impact on the state will be substantial. Joe Kuran noted that he anticipates the FCC will send out a request for comment on the subject as all levels both public and private would be affected. Chair Johnson added that the public safety community has requested that LightSquared discontinue its requests for support from the Police and Fire Chiefs associations. Should requests continue, these groups intend to actively oppose LightSquared publicly.

## **Statewide Interoperability Coordinator's Report**

**Staff: Steve Noel**

### ***Associated Handout: "SWIC Monthly Review," pages 10-17 of the agenda packet***

Steve Noel reported the effort to complete the Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP) is near completion, as only three counties remain. Completion date goal is Aug. 1. The TICP associated with the UASI region has been completed. The team will also be working on completing the Field Operations Guide.

The Office of Emergency Communications held an NECP Goal # 2 workshop this month. The team's focus for the goal will be focused on increasing county participation; currently 15 counties have completed their requirement. Steve Noel has received word about an NECP Goal #3 that would likely be due in 2012 or 2013. Information about Goal #3 is limited; additional information will be distributed as it is released.

Many have expressed interest in a COML exercise. This event would likely take place over one to two days to receive task book signatures. This event is slated for this fall. Steve is also looking into the possibility of holding a broadband class. Please contact Steve Noel ([steve.noel@odot.state.or.us](mailto:steve.noel@odot.state.or.us)) if your agency would be interested in attending such an event.

The two handouts in the agenda packet are updates for the state and for FEMA Region 10.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS (None)**

Vice-Chair Wilde motioned that the (formerly OWIN) Project Steering Committee be moved with the SIEC Partnership Committee. Commissioner George seconded the motion. Tom Lauer added that the state would be very interested in this option. This change would allow the committee to act as a forum for partnerships with a focused effort on connectivity within the disparate radio systems located throughout the state.

Chair Johnson called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Jeff Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:34p.