



State Interoperability Executive Council

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Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2008

SIEC Members Present (14): Kristi Wilde, Jeff Johnson, Chris Brown, Bob Strosser, Rock Rakosi, John Koreski, Chuck Riley, Peter van den Berg, Joe Kuran, Sean McSpaden, David Brooks, Ken Keim for Ken Murphy, and Pierre Jones for Kevin Peterman, Eulus Newton for Paul Bell

OWIN Staff Present: Lindsay Ball, Janet Chambers, Don Pfohl, Steve Noel, Tom Wynkoop, Ben Garvey, Thomas Dunbar, and Elizabeth Skinner

Interested Parties: Rod Ashmore, Thera Bradshaw, Luis Alba, Tom Miller, Kit Eldredge, Mike Dykzeul, Jon Sholes, Bob LaRose, Rob Jones, Barry Nathan, Wayne Siver, Rick Hinthorne, Cindee Spickelmier, Don Westlight, Steve Hill, Fawn McNeely, and Tim Edwards

Ms. Johnson called the meeting to order, asking for approval of the February 12, 2008 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Rakosi

Second: Mr. McSpaden

Discussion: None

Passed.

Chair's Report ~Jeff Johnson

Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Ball, Rep. Nathanson, Rep. Riley and the Legislative Workgroup, the SIEC, and the public safety community for their support in securing the \$76 million.

He continued to state how short staffed the OWIN Project is and how much of a huge task lies ahead, especially meetings with key partnerships. He explained this may require OWIN staff to leave the SIEC meetings early or they may be absent because of other commitments. He then asked Mr. Ball to give his OWIN report.

Mr. Johnson reviewed his discussions with the Public Safety Broadband Trust Board and with Ciren Call regarding the 700 MHz auction for C- and D-Blocks. The good news is that the C-Block auction brought more bidders than anticipated and the revenue for C-Block exceeded \$20 billion. The bad news is that there was really only one bidder for the D-Block (slightly over \$400 million) that did not meet the reserve price the FCC established for that auction. Still, Mr. Johnson is seeing no indications that the FCC is wavering in its commitment and no hesitancy contemplated to create a nationwide public safety data and voice system. What he is seeing are discussions about how do we achieve the same goal with a different set of parameters. Discussions continue today about where we are and where we need to go.

Mr. Johnson stated he recently presented to the Coastal Fire chiefs Association. He thanked them for their resolution and support of the OWIN project.

OWIN Director's Report ~Lindsay Ball

Mr. Ball thanked Mr. Johnson for his compliments and also stated that everyone worked hard on the presentation to the Legislature. The Legislature reserved the \$76M of certificates of participation which is a bond sale that will occur upon completion of a plan to be presented to the the June E-Board. The plan will encompass actions to be taken in Northwest seven counties and Southwest (SW) seven counties and Bend to Klamath to Medford, and will need to clearly show how we will implement the plan with the help of these partners. Agreements will need to also be in place before the June E-Board. If the E-Board approves the plan they will authorize the bond sale and expenditure limitation for the \$76M and outline how we can use those funds. Phase One will be for towers, buildings and additional microwaves, Phase Two will be the radio build out. The meeting to be held today will be with the Public Safety Community in Lincoln County with regards to how OWIN and local jurisdictions will collaborate and cooperate.

Mr. Ball commented that he has thoroughly enjoyed all the meetings he has attended and had experienced a lot of cooperation from all parties, understanding, willingness to share information and resources. Everyone has been extremely helpful.

Mr. Ball introduced Janet Chambers who came from the Department of Administrative Services, Director's Office. She will be in charge of appointment and recruiting of staff to OWIN and coordinating intergovernmental agreements, and contracts with the state and local partners. The Public Affairs Manager interviews will be within the next two weeks. Also, a Procurement Specialist 2 recruitment will be posted within the next few weeks.

Meetings that were previously held were: with the City of Portland and the Tri-Counties representatives regarding a governance model for OWIN, an agreement has almost been reached; Clatsop and Tillamook Counties on microwave and sites to share within those counties; Tillamook County and other interested vendors who have an interest in the Neahkahnie site in Tillamook County which is a shared site with the state, county, city and private industry; two separate meetings with the SW seven Counties to agree on partnership arrangements and how to share resources with the grant that they have. A future meeting will be to discuss intergovernmental agreements with legal council from the SW seven counties and the Attorney General's Office to set parameters for the agreement. A blanket agreement that will have supplemental agreements attached to it will be developed and used for each site.

Mr. Ball continued that the Legislative Work Group (LWG) had convened for the first time on January 3, 2008, and continued to meet through the supplemental session. These meetings concerned issues that pertained to the OWIN project. Another meeting is scheduled on April 10. The LWG is investing a lot of their time with regards to OWIN, and the OWIN team will be briefing them regularly. Representative Riley stated that the LWG was called together by the Co-Chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, he and Representative Nathanson are also on the LWG.

Mr. Ball explained that the OWIN workgroups for each of the three regions (NW, SW & Central) have been working hard on forming partnerships. He introduced the team leaders for each of the regions: Peter Van den berg, NW region, Thomas Dunbar, SW Region, and Rob Reish, Central Region. They have been on the road working with local jurisdictions to form partnerships in order to start the build out. Mr. Ball is hoping for the build out money by August 1, 2008. From that point, he expects that the Team Leaders will also be responsible for watching the contracts and how progress is being made in each of their areas.

Mr. Ball indicated that OWIN has moved to a new building at 1351C Tandem Avenue, NE, Salem, 97301, and distributed a new telephone list for the OWIN members.

Committee Reports

Technical Committee ~ No Report

Partnership Committee ~ No Report

Strategic Planning Committee ~ Kristi Wilde

PSIC Grant proposals need to meet one of the four criteria laid out by the Federal Government and detailed in the SCIP. The PSIC process also requires a direct tie to our SCIP. The SIEC and OEM are working on the grant process and logistics together. A key initiative for projects, also in the SCIP, is work that supports, partnering with other local /regional and State governments in order to expand our statewide infrastructure and connectivity between systems. OEM is hoping that the money for the PSIC grant would be released beginning in May. We still haven't got the comments back on our investment justifications but anticipate that those will have to be altered a bit in order to align with the proposals that actually get submitted .

Open Discussion/Questions

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.