

Kansas SIEC
Special Meeting
December 15, 2009

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in special session via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Members present. Kent Koehler, Jimmy Reed, Deb Miller, Col. Chris Stratmann, Kerry McCue, Bob McLemore, Alison Mueller, and John Eichkorn / proxy for Col. Terry Maple.

Others present. Scott Ekberg (KS-OEC), and JL Ellis (KS-OEC).

Call to order. The special meeting of the Kansas SIEC was called to order by Kent Koehler, Chairperson.

Minutes. The minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Jimmy Reed made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Deb Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

(Action #09-12)

FY 2010 IECGP. As recommended in the November 4, 2009 meeting, Jason Moses updated the committee on the FY 2010 IECGP Grant guidance. The guidance was released on December 8, 2009. The Kansas IECGP allocation is up from prior years and stands at \$438,500.00. Moses indicated that this is likely due to a formula adjustment made by DHS, which takes a more all-hazards approach, including natural disasters, to state allocations. Kansas received \$369,007 in 2008 and 398,560 in 2009.

IECGP addresses interoperable communications in the categories of planning, training, exercise, and equipment. In order to use IECGP funds for equipment acquisition, two priority groups must be met. Priority group one includes gaps in leadership, governance, common operational planning, and protocols. Priority group two includes emergency responder skills and capabilities development through training and exercises. The SAA and the Coordinator must certify that the state has achieved both groups prior to using funds for equipment. Moses feels confident that both groups have been met and is prepared to certify the same.

IECGP requires an 80% pass-through to the Regional Councils. The state share of the grant would be \$87,700.00 and \$50,114.29 would be allocated to each of the seven regions. Equipment purchases require a 25% match. To match the entire grant award, \$146,167.00 would have to be produced. With the match, the total Kansas allocation would be \$584,667.00. Capt. Eichkorn explained the formula is used to calculate the match.

Moses referred to the discussion at the November 4, 2009 meeting concerning the use of FY 2010 funds to convert statewide system sites in Smith and Ford Counties to P25 trunking and asked Secretary Miller if KDOT may be able to meet the match requirement in order to complete the sites. Secretary Miller indicated that she would have to check with Ed Geer on the matter and asked if Moses had visited with Geer on the subject. Moses said that he discussed the issue with Geer, who felt that the match could be met within his maintenance budget if agreed to by the Secretary of Transportation. Secretary Miller said that she would work with Ed Geer to verify the funding, but preliminarily supported the project. Discussion followed on project implementation and the impact by regions that may not join the statewide initiative. Deb Miller made a motion to recommend the FY2010 IECGP funds be used to convert the Smith and Ford sites to P25 trunking. Alison Mueller seconded. Jason Moses discussed the potential of excess funds if all of the regions joined the project. Moses suggested that the excess funds be used for the continued support of the training initiative. Deb Miller amended her original motion to include the use of excess funds to be used for the training initiative. Alison Mueller seconded the amended motion. Kent Koehler asked if the excess funds could be used to begin the conversion of the site in Morris County. Discussion followed. Moses said that he would work with the Northeast region to see if they could fund the balance of the Morris site if roughly \$84,000.00 were provided through IECGP. The Northeast region would have to produce approximately \$166,000.00. Deb Miller amended her motion to state that the priority is on completing the Smith and Ford sites, excess funds to be offered to continue work on the Morris site, and if the Morris site is not an option, the balance of funds would be put into the training initiative. Alison Mueller seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously. (**Action #09-13**)

Next meeting. Kent Koehler recommended that the next regular meeting be held during the time between when the regions would have to make a decision on the IECGP projects and the final due date of February 12, 2010. Moses indicated that he would need to know the regional projects by January 15, 2010. The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2010 at KDOT in Topeka.

Other business. Jason Moses discussed a MOTOBRIDGE demonstration, provided by request from representatives of the State of Minnesota, while at the Coordinators Conference in Boston. Moses thanked Jimmy Reed and Sumner County for their participation. The demonstration included KS-OEC staff in Boston, a KHP Trooper in Shawnee County and the Sumner County PSAP. During the demonstration, they were able to effectively communicate between all three locations. The demonstration began with Minnesota and Nebraska observing, but at least 10 states were observing by the end of the demonstration, each of which were impressed by the capabilities of the Kansas system.

Col. Stratmann reported that the SIEC/OEC web-page was now live on the Adjutant General's Department site. Stratmann provided a link to the site via e-mail and discussed page content. Kent Koehler thanked Col. Stratmann for the work that he and his staff had put in to the creation of the page.

Adjourn. With no further business before the committee, Deb Miller made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.
(Action #09-14)

Respectfully submitted,

Jason R. Moses
Interoperable Communications Coordinator
Kansas Adjutant General's Department
Office of Emergency Communications

APPROVED:

Kent Koehler, Chairperson