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## Public Safety Communications Commission

### Administration and Funding Work Group Meeting of June 5, 2006

Chairman Steve DeCecco called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm on June 5, 2006.

Members present in Cheyenne:

Jim Narva – PSCC Chairman  
Earl Atwood – PSCC Executive Director  
Bob Symons – PSCC Administrative Support

On Phone Conference Call

Steve DeCecco – PSCC – Committee Chairman  
Jerry Kennedy – PSCC

New Business:

Discussion of proposed grant for the Dispatch Center WyoLink Connectivity Grant. The grant application was derived from the FEMA/FIRE grant application and is intended to be short and the grant agreement was from the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security then modified to meet the PSCC needs.

A question was raised if the grant application should ask about whether there are any plans for consolidation of dispatch centers. If two or more dispatch centers were granted funding and then consolidated dispatch centers would this amount to receiving more funds than intended? The grant agreement includes language on supplanting of funds and this may be a means of regulating the issue.

Application due date was discussed. The grant has an ending date of June 30, 2008 for all funds to be expended. If there is not an application period, then any funds that may not be used by the dispatch centers on the grants could end up not being able to be used for a second round or another method of helping the centers.

The grant agreement will have to be approved by the Attorney General's Office.

Is six months an appropriate amount of time for grantees to complete a grant application? A one year time frame – July 1, 2007 was discussed. It may be better to have the grant funding known before the local agencies have to complete the budget process.

Discussion on the approval process. Will the approval be by an ad-hoc committee, the full PSCC or the Admin and Funding Committee? Some of the dispatch centers may not need the full \$150,000 to compete connectivity to WyoLink. There could be more than one round of funding and having a limited application period would help in allowing for multiple rounds. The

decision on approving grants could happen fairly quickly on some grants and other grants may be more complicated.

Should the approval be by a vote of the full commission or should the committee ask for the approval process and then inform the PSCC of the grants at each quarterly meeting. At the June PSCC meeting the grant documents will be vetted with the whole commission and ask for direction from the commission.

Most grant applications would be received by the December PSCC if there is a due date of December 31, 2006. The December 31, 2006 application due date will be added to the directions. The grant agreement will be reviewed by the Attorney General's Office.

Bob Symons discussed a bio-terrorism grant that was given to WyDOT for WyoLink for \$40,000. The whole Commission should decide the use of this grant. Training is one area that is under-funded by the budget. The governor's office is applying for a \$50,000 grant from the National Governor's association. The commission should be looking at prioritization options for the potential grants. Need to find out from WyDOT what the bio-terrorism grant can be used for. Senator Enzi has submitted a federal appropriation in the amount \$2,000,000 for the WyoLink project. Developing a training video may also be an appropriate project for the grant funds.

Should we e-mail the working group chairs to get some ideas on how to use the grant funds. Bob will e-mail the chairman of all the working groups for their ideas on how to use the grant funding.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Symons

Attachments: Grant Application, Directions and Grant Agreement