



Dave Freudenthal
Governor

Steve DeCecco
Chairman

State of Wyoming

Public Safety Communications Commission

Administration and Funding Work Group Minutes of December 3, 2007

Chairman Steve DeCecco called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Members in attendance: Steve DeCecco – PSCC Chairman – Phone Conference, , Jerry Kennedy – PSCC Secretary/Treasurer, Earl Atwood – PSCC Executive Director, Dave Johnson – WAM, Joe Evans – County Commissioners – Phone Conference, Kevin Hibbard – WYDOT – Phone Conference and Bob Symons – PSCC Administrative Support.

PSCC Dispatch Center Connectivity Grants – Second Round

Earl Atwood and Bob Symons met with Kip Crofts, Governor Freudenthal's attorney, about the awarding of the second round of grants and advice on moving forward on awarding the funds. Mr. Crofts stated that most of the Governor's concerns were directed toward Homeland Security Grants, but the PSCC should keep the Governor informed.

Some of the grants that have been awarded to dispatch centers for the connectivity will not be fully used and some funds may be returned to the PSCC for future funding.

Discussion on criteria for developing a second round of dispatch center funding. The criteria finalized on should be distributed based on financial need and where the grant will have the greatest potential for achieving dispatch center readiness statewide. Merit must be a consideration on the awarding of funds.

There are currently 15 counties that have only one dispatch center, eight counties have multiple dispatch centers. Carbon County has 4 centers, Fremont County has 3 centers, Lincoln County has 2 Centers, Campbell County has 2 centers, Converse County has 3 centers, Big Horn County has 2 centers, Park County has 2 centers, and Sweetwater County has 3 centers.

To identify the financial need, a second application will be developed that asks the dispatch centers identify how the additional funds will impact the completion of the dispatch center infrastructure, in terms of available budget, timeline, and the consequences of not receiving additional funds.

When considering the proposals the grant evaluation team may consider the relative assessed evaluation for each county, the difference between the amount awarded under the first round and the actual costs of completing the upgrades. The evaluation may also include the population in the area served by the dispatch center. The consideration for the consolidation of services to gain an economy of scale and improved interoperability, along with a description of the benefits derived.

Discussion on a strategy for providing the additional information. It was proposed that an amended grant application be released in the first week of January 2008 with a deadline near March 1, 2008. At the March 2008 PSCC meeting the Commission could authorize a grant evaluation team to bring recommendations for grant approvals to the PSCC at the June 2008, in time for the release of funds and to allow the dispatch centers to encumber the funds before the grant deadline. The PSCC will need to determine the assignment of members to the grant evaluation team. Not every dispatch center may receive funding in the second round of grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Symons
PSCC Administrative Support