Welcome!
Round 4 SICG Informational Webinar

Friendly Reminders

Please remember to dial through your telephone line:
Local: 1-518-549-0500
Toll Free: 1-844-633-8697
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Necessary Adjustment: Please be sure to **Mute** the sound on your computer.

We will get started promptly at 1:00pm. Thank you for your participation!

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Agenda

- Overview of Round 4 SICG
  - o Program Goals
  - o Funding and Award Distribution
  - o Permissible / Non-Permissible Costs
  - o Eligibility
  - o Objectives (a) and (b) of the Application
- Differences between Round 4 and previous Rounds
- Tutorial on Completing Grant Application
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Program Goals

1. Development and coordination of National **Interoperability Channels**, State, Regional, Tribal and Local mutual aid channels;

2. Development of **interoperable communications infrastructure**;

3. **Consolidation and improvements** of public safety dispatching operations and implementation of **Next Generation 9-1-1** technologies;

4. Development of **governance and SOPs**;

5. Development of **statewide communications resources inventory** (including continuous participation in CASM-Communications Assets Survey and Mapping tool) and **Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan (TICP)** development, update and utilization.

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Funding and Award Distribution

- Available funding - $50 million

  - ➢ Large-scale systems and infrastructure
  - ➢ Expansion of consortiums, SOP development
  - ➢ Subsequent phases of projects previously supported
  - ➢ Consolidation and large scale improvements of PSAPs and NG-911 implementation

- Maximum award is $3.5 million per application

- Only one application per county

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Eligibility

- Be a county government
- Be an active member of, or demonstrated a commitment to, a regional consortium
- Establishment of single point of contact, i.e. Interoperability Coordinator on a County level
- Accessibility for other jurisdictions and levels of government
- Dedication of funding to improve governance structure, develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), strengthen training and exercise programs to promote efficient interregional communications (Objective – b)
- New LMR systems and equipment must be public safety grade Project 25 Phase 2 ready

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Eligibility (Continue)

- Interoperability channels implementation
- AES encryption protocol
- Application must utilize open-standard/vendor-neutral technologies and equipment, as applicable
- CASM-Communications Assets Survey and Mapping tool-participation
- NIMS compliant
- Only permissible costs in the application
- Timely submittal
- M/WBE and EEO compliance

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Grant Objectives

Objective (a) – Improve interoperable communications through developing, expanding or consolidating large-scale, regionally-focused LMR systems for public safety use among two or more counties supporting multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline, including State agencies.

Objective (b) – Improve governance structure, develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), strengthen training and exercise programs to promote efficient interregional communications, interoperability, cooperation and overall first responder readiness.

Application must address both objectives.

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Permissible / Non-Permissible Costs

➤ **Permissible**
- ✓ Equipment, infrastructure, technology
- ✓ Subscriber equipment, <u>only</u> when such equipment is a part of the larger project
- ✓ Planning, Administration, and Deployment

➤ **Non-Permissible Costs**
- ✓ Proprietary technologies
- ✓ Salaries
- ✓ Projects benefiting only single organization or jurisdiction
- ✓ Subscriber equipment, when such equipment is <u>not</u> a part of the larger project
- ✓ Broadband
- ✓ Debt service or local municipal bond funding
- ✓ Unrelated to LMR expenses
- ✓ Recurring commercial service costs, such as cellular voice, data or leased time

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Differences between Round 4 and Previous Rounds

- All NY Counties are eligible to apply
- Eligibility Criteria includes additional requirements
    - P25 Phase 2 readiness
    - AES Encryption
    - Specificity for Interoperability Channels implementation
- Permissible Costs are expanded to include PSAP consolidation, improvements and NG-911
- **Objective (b) requirements (any funding stream, absence of 3%)**

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Application Content

❖ Tier I – General Eligibility Criteria ("yes" or "no")
❖ Tier II – Global Project Criteria

Section #	Tier II Evaluation Criteria	Section Weight (100%)
1	Project Narrative	4
2	Budget Information / Funding	20
3	Consortium or Regional Partnership Identification	10
4	Alignment To Grant Goals and Objectives	5
5	Identification Of Level Of Involvement And Coordination With Other Jurisdictions and State Agencies	8
6	Project Outline, Implementation, And Consistency With Technology Concepts And Mandated Standards	8
7	Level Of Improvements In Interoperable Communications	20
8	Radio Spectrum, Frequencies And Licensing	5
9	Training And Exercises	10
10	Project Management	10

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How to Complete an Application

➢ General format of the application (Word-restricted for editing with form-filling allowed)

➢ Follow instructions, answer all applicable questions

➢ Application cover page by e-mail!

➢ No hard copies needed!

➢ Follow instructions to submit application and any attachments

➢ Must submit: signed cover page as pdf file AND application as a word document. **Do not convert your application to pdf, we will reject it**.

➢ **Submit your application before deadline, April 15th to grants@DHSES.NY.gov**

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References

FAQs (http://www.dhses.ny.gov/oiec/grants/)

SCIP http://www.dhses.ny.gov/oiec/plans-policies-guidelines/

Process for Questions Related to Grant

Questions received during comment period have been posted on the website.

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Important Dates to Remember

❖ **Submission of Written Questions – February 23, 2015**

❖ **RFA Updates Posted – March 3, 2015**

❖ **Applications Due – April 15, 2015 by 5:00 P.M.**

❖ **Notice of Award – anticipated before the end of 2015 calendar year**

❖ **Grant Performance Period will start on 1/1/2016 (2 year contract)**

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Reminders

- Answer all questions and fill-out all sections

- Do not mail your paperwork

- E-mail your application and all applicable attachments

- **Submit your application before deadline, April 15th!**

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Questions?