

Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR)
December 11, 2009 –2:00 PM
Minutes
Joint Forces Headquarters Conference Room
USPFO Building (also referred to as the CFMO Building)
1234 Military Road, Lincoln, Nebraska
Or via phone at:
1825 10th Street, Gering, Nebraska

Opening comments

1. Roll Call

First	Last	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	x
Patrick	Foust	x
Pat	Gerdes	x
Jim	Gerweck	x
Jim	Hofbauer	x
Darrin	Lewis	x
Pete	Peterson	x
Ray	Richards	x
Thomas	Schwarten	x
Dave	Webb	<i>absent</i>

2. Open Meetings Law information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location
3. Minutes – November 20, 2009 meeting
Pat Foust made a motion to accept the November 20, 2009 Minutes. Pat Gerdes seconded the motion; the motion is passed unanimously by all members present.

Action Items

1. 2010 Homeland Security Grant Investment Justifications – Al Berndt, NEMA
The 2010 Investment Justification workshop is being planned for early 2010. The 2010 Grant is due April 19, 2010. Denise Bulling and the Public Policy Center Team will assist Dan Hiller with the workshop again this year. The 25% set aside for Planning, Exercise and Training (PET) in every investment justification area is no longer a federal requirement in the 2010 grant guidance but it is expected that the state will still place high value on PET activities..
2. Mutual Aid Plan – Darrin Lewis, Pete Peterson
A copy of the existing MA Plan was disseminated by Darrin Lewis. NCOR will move forward with the existing plan assuming that VHF will be all simplex. UHF and 800 MHz are listed as simplex or can be repeated. Calling channels will be a simplex channel. VCALL1 is a nation-wide channel.
3. Annual Report to Governor Heineman – Denise Bulling
A report draft was handed out to the group for review and comment. Included in the report are headings for milestones, progress toward goals, challenges and recommendations. The NCOR report was constructed from comments solicited from members and meeting notes from January to December 2009. Please send suggestions or comments to Denise Bulling. Another draft will be reviewed at the next NCOR meeting.
4. Guidance to Regions on development and deployment of Regional Networks – Pete Peterson

Monies from several PSIC Grant periods will be utilized for the full completion of this project. It was decided that management of the network build out will be driven by the needs of each region. Personnel from NEMA will assist the regions throughout the project with identification of equipment and connection needs. It is anticipated that the successful vendor will meet with each region to help determine those needs and a plan to meet them.

5. Broadband Network Project – Pete Peterson

The evaluation of bids for the regional network project resulted in top two scoring companies that will be interviewed on Tuesday, Dec. 15; the interview is worth 200 points. The biggest concern in the review process was the change order cost and process. The notice of intent to contract is planned for release Dec. 23rd, and Contractor award and start date is Jan. 22nd. The Lt. Governor will look at the overall coordination of the project to determine the appropriate role for Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) in the network development and oversight.

Information/Reports

1. NEMA – Al Berndt

a. Administration

A FEMA spokesperson at the National Governor’s Conference on interoperability recommended that States plan fully continue to spend their homeland security funds. Delays in spending have become routine and make it difficult to justify the need for additional money to fund state and local preparedness.

b. Grants/Programs

Timelines must be strictly adhered to for the 2010 grant programs. The Lt. Governor is considering allowing a 3-month extension on the original PSIC deadline but is not intending to extend it further. The 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program includes maintenance as an allowable cost for equipment that has been purchased with previous HSGP funds. This extends only to the end of the 2010 grant period.

c. Wireless Network Coordinators

There was considerable discussion regarding the types of frequencies that should be included for all Mutual Aid Base Stations. More detail will be presented on UHF, VHF, and 800 for the Mutual Aid Base Stations at the next NCOR meeting.

2. University of Nebraska PPC – Denise Bulling

The regions should include their PPC Technical Assistance Representative as they are moving ahead with the 2010 Investment Justifications. Four Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Meetings have been held in the Northeast PET Region, one in the Panhandle, and more are planned throughout the state.

3. OCIO: No Update; no representative present.

4. NCOR representatives to N-WIN: No update at this time.

5. Joint Operational Subcommittee: No Update at this time.

Comments

1. Member Comments:

a. Pete Peterson: Kansas has offered to present on the Kansas State 800 MHz Trunk System at a future NCOR meeting.

- b. Mark Conrey: The Technical Committee would be a good group to make recommendations for regional standards related to priority of use, monitoring, etc.
2. Public Comments: None.

Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was not set.