

Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR)
June 25, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.
Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Training Center
3140 N Street – Lincoln Nebraska

Opening comments

1. Roll Call (absent: Pat Gerdes and Dave Webb)

First	Last	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	x
Patrick	Foust	x
Pat	Gerdes	
Jim	Gerweck	x
Tim	Hofbauer	x
Darrin	Lewis	x
Pete	Peterson	x
Ray	Richards	x
Thomas	Schwarten	x
Dave	Webb	

2. Open Meetings Law information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location
3. Minutes – May 28, 2010 meeting
Ray Richards moved to approve the minutes. Pat Foust seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion Items

1. Introduction of Contractor for Regional Interoperability Network

The contract stage is currently in process for the Regional Interoperability Network. Meeting with the contractor is delayed pending the completion of the contract. NCOR Members will review the contract plan for project completion and approval for the Panhandle portion of the project. The tower surveys are complete, so the tower information will be ready to share with the contractor. OCIO provided 14 structural analyses of the towers and a review of the trunk system. Each region must designate a point of contact, who will have knowledge of alternate tower availability, serve as a contact for the contractor throughout the project, and meet for project-based concerns with an assigned Point of Contact Committee. If the Point of Contact is different than the NCOR representative, the region must inform Rod Hutt of NEMA.

Staging will be an important part of the process. NEMA will oversee design review and project implementation. NEMA will support Mutual Aid design and coverage. NEMA will work with the regions for sharing and redundancy.

It is expected that grant money that was MOU'd to the state will be used for the completion of the project. Some funds will come from PSIC grant money, which requires an environmental review for most projects.

2. Mutual Aid Project progress

Product expenses for the radio vendor and the state contract pricing were compared. The state contract pricing was not found to be more expensive than other radio vendors. The state contract pricing includes hardware only, not installation and maintenance.

The SOP Workshop held June 23-24, 2010 with the Office of Emergency Communications from the Department of Homeland Security was helpful in working to create SOPs for Mutual Aid. It is important to maintain compatibility with the local areas and the state patrol in regards to planning for VHF and UHF. Guidance for compatibility must come from the State Patrol on 800 megahertz. Experience with Paraclete has led to a conclusion that it is not always reliable when using digital radios. Some of the Paraclete issue appears to be related to use of the trunked system. A small group volunteered to review the existing issues with the system and report back in 1-2 months. The group includes: Mark Conrey, Pat Gerdes, Steve Cass, Mike Jeffres, Tim Hofbauer, Bob Eastwood, Jim Gerweck, and Rod Hutt.

3. MOU/Interlocal Agreements – No Update at this time.
4. Statewide Interoperable Communications Plan 2010 Revision – No Update at this time.

Action Items

1. Standard Operating Procedures

At the SOP Workshop June 23-24, 2010, progress was made for the identification of the SOPs that must be developed and established. An NCOR meeting will be scheduled in the fall to discuss SOP Development.

Information/Reports

1. NEMA

Steve Cass and Rod Hutt are preparing a report of the tower information gathered. Steve Cass has created a breakdown of the cost per region for the project.

2. University of Nebraska PPC

A draft of the message map addressing the importance of emergency managers and elected officials working together developed at the June 10, 2010 Planning Meeting was presented for NCOR members to review.

3. OCIO - No additional Updates

4. NCOR representatives to N-WIN – Jim Gerweck and Mark Conrey

The previous NWIN Meeting reviewed work progress on the state radio system. The State Users Group has continued to meet. NCOR and NWIN will work to move forward on SOP development in conjunction with the State Users Group.

Comments

1. Member comments – No Comments.
2. Public comments – No Comments.

Next Meeting: TBD: Pending contract arrangement.