

Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR)

August 27, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Educational Television Network Building Boardroom – 1800 N 33rd St – Lincoln NE
Meeting Notes

Opening comments

1. Roll Call

First	Last	Org	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	DouglasCo.911Center	x
Patrick	Foust	South.Sioux City/DakotaCo.EMA	x
Pat	Gerdes	Region 15 Emergency Management Agency	x
Jim	Gerweck	Richardson Co. Emerg. Management	x
Tim	Hofbauer	Columbus/Platte Co Emr. Management	x
Darrin	Lewis	Buffalo County Emergency Management	absent
Pete	Peterson	Keith County Emergency Management	x
Ray	Richards	Scottsbluff Co. 911 Director	x
Thomas	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	x
Dave	Webb	NPPD	x

2. Open Meetings Law information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location
3. Minutes – July 30, 2010 meeting

Pat Foust made a motion to approve the July 30, 2010 minutes. Mark Conrey seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote. Pat Gerdes abstained.

Discussion Items

1. Regional Interoperability Network Project

Status (Panhandle)

CSI will be completing site visits to all of the towers in the pilot phase of the Regional Interoperability Project. A kick-off meeting will be held on August 31, 2010 to discuss the towers and end points as well as a possible redesign based on the information they gather. The tower-mapping will begin in Kimball, moving north and east. Local governments should make arrangements for the contractors to visit the towers. Each site will be visited by tower mapping crews and will be structurally analyzed. Additionally, each region will need to provide a location for storage capable of holding a 650 lb. six-foot tower dish within 150 miles of the tower location. Per the contract, ownership of the equipment will belong to the regions upon delivery and transfer back to CSI for transport of the equipment to the tower location. CSI will work with NEMA to complete the Environmental approval. CSI will provide a list of recommended equipment and adjustments for the towers. CSI will keep a four week running schedule. Rod Hutt of NEMA will provide a synopsis of regional responsibilities including storage requirements, ownership and liability responsibilities, and estimated timelines. Change orders affecting the overall cost of the project should be sent through OCIO.

Awarety - Al Berndt, NEMA

Thirty-three licenses will be issued for use for the Awarety software as a way to share project information.

2. Mutual Aid Project – Pete Peterson, Chair

Each region will need to develop a Plan addressing the region's specific mutual aid needs and issues. NCOR will coordinate the regional Mutual Aid Plans to verify successful communications with neighboring regions and states. Regions will assess their needs for mutual aid, mutual aid placement, and tower site locations. NCOR will assist in identifying tower locations and resolving technical interface issues. OCIO can offer support for coverage design and base station placement. Some technical

interface issues must be consistent. The Technical Work Group will reconvene to assist in coverage design, technical specifications for Ethernet base station recommendations, and operational gap identification. It must be decided whether Paraclete can work with a digital signal; It was reported that Paraclete can adapt to a digital signal using a Raven Switch or a PSAP Base Station.

3. Interop Solutions/Paraclete Project – Al Berndt, NEMA
Training tools and schedules for Paraclete will be developed around the state by NEMA. NEMA will coordinate license renewal for core functionality using the existing agreement regardless of future software updates. Steve Cass, NEMA, will send periodic updates on the Paraclete process via the Awareness software. Training information will be forthcoming.
4. TICP/SCIP Revision Project – Bob Eastwood, NEMA
NEMA is working with the Public Policy Center to plan a training workshop and curriculum to review TICPs and CASM for Fall 2010. Regions should review their existing TICPs for the training. CASM may be used to export data to a region's TICP.
5. SOP/MOU Development Project
Denise Bulling, PPC, and Darrin Lewis, South Central Region, have been working on developing SOPs for Mutual Aid. It was suggested that NCOR hold a two-day NCOR meeting to review SOPs for Mutual Aid at the end of October in Western Nebraska.
6. Sustainability of Projects – Pete Peterson, Chair and Al Berndt, NEMA
Anticipated issues with sustainability include concerns over Paraclete costs, mutual aid licensing, and continued maintenance. The state will be licensing all of Mutual Aid, so license costs will not be a problem. In 2009, the Department of Homeland Security began allowing federal dollars to be used for ongoing maintenance. Counties are responsible for sustaining equipment, so funding will be discussed for equipment in the agreement.

Action Items

Information/Reports

1. NEMA – Al Berndt, NEMA
NEMA will use PSIC funding to complete the Panhandle portion of the project. NEMA will work to provide documentation on proving functionality of the project. NEMA is expecting to use FY09 and FY10 Homeland Security dollars to assist in maintenance costs. FY11 Homeland Security funds will also be used to assist in project completion. In terms of funding the total regional interoperability project, total funding for construction and maintenance & repairs should be covered using federal funding.
2. University of Nebraska PPC – Mark DeKraai, PPC
The NWIN Project timeline / checklist for each of the four phases and governance will be tracked online using GoogleDocs.
3. OCIO – No Update.
4. NCOR representatives to N-WIN
Preliminary SOPs prepared by OCIO, the State Patrol, and NPPD will be presented for review at the NWIN meeting. Some SOPs regard interoperability, which will assist in NCOR Mutual Aid SOP development.

Comments

1. Member comments

Pat Gerdes, Southeast and South Central Regions: Phase 3 will begin on October 18, 2010. The users group will be addressing communications issues in the Southwest region. State Patrol questions should be submitted via the NSP Chain of Command.

2. Public comments – No Comments.

Next Meeting

October 1, 2010, 10:00 AM, in Lincoln, NE.