

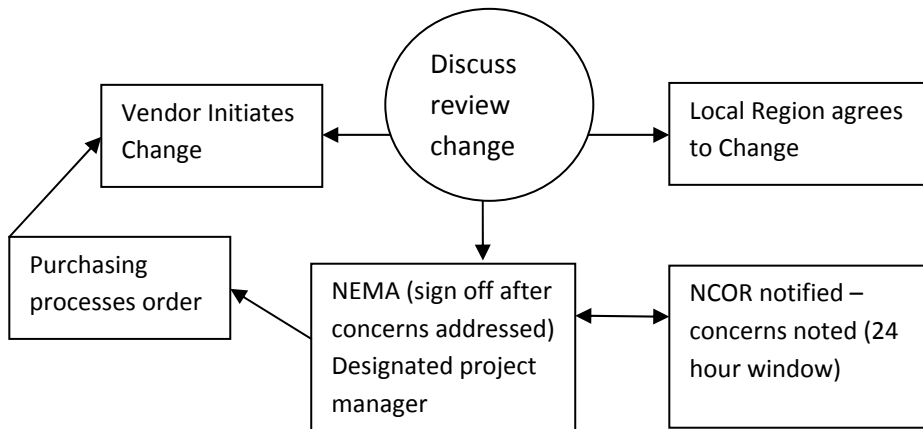
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Flow Chart

Revisions were suggested to the N-WIN generated flow chart.

Change Orders

There was discussion about making change orders. There needs to be a simple, quick process. The following process was proposed to be considered at the NCOR board meeting.



The vendor needs to identify the need for the change order and notify the impacted region. The vendor and region would initiative change order going to NEMA. NEMA would scan the form and send out to all NCOR members for review. Every change order needs to come with explanation including the reason for the change order and how much it would cost. Regions with comments about the change order have 24 hours to raise issues. If no objections are raised, NEMA would send change order to state purchasing for processing.

Sustainability

Six next steps were identified with regard to sustainability:

1. Form a subcommittee to work with state agencies and gather information about the potential uses of the mutual aid system/NRIN and requirements to carry specific information such as National Crime Information Center (NCIC) information and health department information.
2. Develop a worksheet to help counties identify potential uses of the NRIN. There is a possibility that current costs can be offset by the potential cost savings when NRIN is operational. Ray Richards will put together a draft for review. This could include current cost of T1 lines, current NCIC traffic, cost of video conferencing and savings by doing more video meetings, benefits to

state that could offset SRS participation costs, current costs paid to telephone companies for voice and data transmission, etc. However, we don't want to create greater expectations than can be delivered.

3. Management/maintenance issues: Mark Conrey will put something concrete on paper such as a list of considerations and issues that each region should consider. This will include considerations about how to work with existing IT departments or people with that responsibility in each county.
4. Need to engage in discussions with NPPD and OCIO about who would manage the system. We need to find out what the managers of the state Technical Operations Center (TOC) would need to know to make decision on whether to take on the management of the point to point network and to help identify system management issues and the possible options. Need to have discussion about what each region would manage and what the TOC (or some other similar entity) could manage or whether some other entity could manage. Quality of service and bandwidth are decisions that need to be decided by regions
5. Set up a mechanism to capture lessons learned in each region. These could be placed on the web site in the form of a discussion board. Lessons learned could include how pilot regions resolve cost issues (e.g., negotiating tower space, how to calculate costs for a county that doesn't have equipment in the county, how to address insurance issues, how to best organize – Interlocal vs. MOU including boilerplate language)
6. Need to develop communications to inform local officials about the benefits of mutual aid and why it's in their interest to sustain the system. Need to decide what tools NCOR needs to communicate to elected officials. NEMA sent out communication starting the discussion. Now we need more specifics about what is expected from local and regional entities to sustain related to Mutual Aid, Paraclete, and NRIN. Local governments understand they need to maintain their local systems – portables, consoles, etc; but they need to understand how the other components fit, why they are important to them, and what it will cost. There are no cost estimates out there right now. Up to now NEMA has been funding, but local governments will be expected to contribute.

Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Revision

A lot of things have changed since last the SCIP was last updated. NCOR requests Bob Eastwood send out the current SCIP to NCOR members and provide a summary of areas that need to be addressed.

Annual Report

Denise Bulling will send out last year's annual report to NCOR members. The annual report is due to the Lt. Governor by March.

Tasks and Timeline for SOP development

