

Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network
April 28, 2014; 10:00 – 3:00
Buffalo County Courthouse
1512 Central Ave., Kearney, NE 68847

Welcome and Introductions

Attendees:

- Al Berndt, NEMA
- Chip Valcek, Emergency Management
- Darrin Lewis, Emergency Management
- Ike Brown, City of McCook
- Janell Walther, Public Policy Center
- Jayne Scofield, OCIO
- Jim Sheets, OCIO
- Jon Rosenlund, Emergency Management
- Mark DeKraai, Public Policy Center
- Matt Schnell, NPPD
- Robert Tubbs, Sheriff's Department
- Sue Krogman, NEMA
- Tim Hofbauer, Emergency Management
- Tracy Ricole, OCIO

Introductory Comments – Jayne Scofield & Al Berndt

As of June 16, 2014, the contract with CSI has been cancelled. Cancellation with the contractor does not stop the NRIN project. Nebraska will be seeking an extension from The Department of Homeland Security to allow expenditure of the 2011 and 2012 SHGP grants to March 2015. Regions should continue to work on towers for MOUs and tower leases and continue to put their pieces in place. In the meantime, DAS-Materiel will work to put a new contract together immediately. Jayne and Al will meet with DAS-Materiel to propose a scope of work and to reach out to Nebraska-based companies who could do the work. The new contract will not need to be competitively bid because of the emergency process, and the contract and vendor will be identified as quickly as possible. Regions will be asked to provide the status of NRIN work in their region to assist in answering bidder questions. The estimated project completion date was January 1, 2015 with NRIN fully operational in Spring 2015. The new timeline will depend on the length of the new vendor selection and investigation.

Regions may not remit payment to CSI during this time. For questions on open invoices, please contact Nikki Weber, NEMA. The federal Office of Budget and Management (OMB) will come to Nebraska to investigate, so all materials should be audited by the region and NEMA. NEMA has requested the keys to equipment facilities from CSI, and they have 30 days to comply. NEMA will come out and do a physical inventory of what is in storage units and compare to what has been purchased and installed; regions can have the locks changed on the storage facilities.

Al Berndt and Jayne Scofield will send an email to the other regions to inform them of the cancellation of the contract. Sue Krogman will follow up. NEMA can subcontract with another organization for the

maintenance agreement; the other organization will need to be Ceragon certified. Regions should be mindful of the bid requirement from FEMA to spend grant dollars.

Status Update on NRIN Projects – Sue Krogman

Sue distributed a status update by region and location to identify where equipment was installed, where the project was in progress, and where future expansion is planned.

If a structure (tower) is over 700 feet all, a subcontractor needed to be used rather than CSI, which takes some time to implement. Some regions and counties are not signing the MOUs until after the structural reviews are complete. However, it is desired that each region develops an MOU or knows they can get an MOU so tower reviews aren't conducted on towers that aren't feasible. In areas of future expansion, some difficulty is in finding adequate towers for the dishes. Some areas will need to build towers or sign lease agreements. NRIN efforts are continuing. No additional funding is planned in the 2013 funding for towers, but NRIN projects may be planned in the 2014 grant year.

Next Steps – Mark DeKraai

A new meeting will be scheduled in May in light of the new developments. The new meeting will review:

1. Uses & Benefits of NRN
 - a. Have regions currently implementing talk about uses & benefits
 - b. How to get it running where people aren't using it
 - c. Future potential uses of NRIN
2. Plan to expand NRIN
 - a. Identify & address barriers
3. Finance & Governance
 - a. Review governance, updated cost estimated, current & draft agreements
 - b. Create plan to get PSAPs and counties on board.