

Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network Group (NWIN)
January 29, 2009 –2:00 PM
Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Training Center
3140 N Street Lincoln, NE

Opening comments

1. Roll Call – All Present

First	Last	Attendance
Al	Berndt	x
Ted	Blume	x
Mark	Conrey	x
Jim	Gerweck	x
Adam	Matzner	x
Tom	Schwarten	x
Jayne	Scofield	x
Dave	Webb	x
Owen	Yardley	x

2. Open Meetings Law information – verification of public notice, availability of copy of law in the meeting location - NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 through 84-1414 (1999, Cum. Supp. 2006, Supp. 2007)
3. Review of meeting notes – December 18, 2009 meeting
Owen Yardley made a motion to accept the December 18, 2009 Minutes. Adam Matzner seconded the motion; the motion is passed unanimously by all members present.

Discussion Items

Updates of Projects – Owen Yardley, Chair

1. State network – Jayne Scofield, OCIO, and Dave Webb, NPPD
Work continues at three Panhandle tower sites with a fourth site is anticipated by Feb. 5, 2010 for the completion of Phase One. Phase Two requires more microwave connectivity, so OCIO and NPPD are working closely to ensure adequate infrastructure is in place. The Department of Roads may assist in creating alternative paths as needed. The project is still expected to meet its target end date. The Governor’s press conference will be held on March 3, 2010 in North Platte at Nebraska State Patrol headquarters.
2. State Region – No additional update.
3. System (Installation of Radio System with Motorola) – Tom Schwartan, Nebraska State Patrol; Ted Blume, Nebraska Game & Parks; Adam Matzner, Nebraska State Fire Marshal
The Nebraska State Patrol has been working with Phase Two connectivity in North Platte. Phase Two equipment installation is set to begin in North Platte on Monday,

Feb. 1, 2010. Troop B (Cherry, Brown, and Rock Counties) and Troop D (Western Nebraska) of the State Patrol are working together with OCIO to maintain the current schedule and timelines. One barrier to progress is waiting for the ground to thaw prior to trenching. Nebraska Game and Parks reported their purchase of equipment is delayed due to budgeting restrictions. The Nebraska State Fire Marshal has had equipment delivered and expects installation to be complete by March 3, 2010. Training for Phase One and Phase Two Officers will be completed February 9-11, 2010.

4. NWIN Council – Owen Yardley, Chair

Owen Yardley suggested the use of Board liaisons in various areas to help in communications and presentations. Liaisons can serve as presenters of projects to the council, identify conflicts, and inform decision-making for other bodies. The key projects and NWIN Council liaisons will include:

- State Radio Network – Jayne Scofield and Dave Webb
- State System – Jayne Scofield, Ted Blume, and Adam Matzner
- NCOR – Al Berndt and Tom Schwarten
- NWIN Council – Owen Yardley and Adam Matzner will serve as liaisons

NWIN Council agenda items should be identified two weeks prior to the meeting in to assist in agenda planning for presenters, project components, and support requested by the council. Items requested for addition to the agenda at meetings will be automatically added to the following meeting's agenda. NWIN Members will review these proposed changes and vote on them at the next meeting.

Identify Information/Reports

Office of the Chief Information Officer – Jayne Scofield

NPPD and OCIO are continuing work on pricing to identify a single price for use of the radio system. Project costs and cost-recovery processes are being estimated. At the next meeting, NWIN will discuss how to answer requests to participate on the state radio system as expediently as possible.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency – Dan Hiller

1. NEMA is gathering site and tower information in conjunction with NCOR for the Region/ Statewide Data Interoperability Project. This information is needed for the vendor to know which towers are viable for antenna placement. Upon award of the contract, the vendor will conduct structural analyses on the towers, beginning in the Panhandle and working eastward.
2. The Mutual Aid Base Station Project has a tentative plan that is awaiting NCOR Validation. NEMA is in preliminary discussions with NCOR to determine viable sites that are agreeable to both NCOR and OCIO.
3. NEMA is continuing to work with the NCOR regions to determine end points and the appropriate placement of Paraclete. Twenty-one Black Boxes (which hold the Paraclete System) are currently installed or in progress. NEMA anticipates nine additional upgrades to Black Boxes in

the South Central Region, and additional boxes are planned for the Southeast and UASI/Tri-County Area.

4. PSIC Projects – Bob Wilhelm:

\$618,500 must be spent at the local level. There are seven investment justifications, one of which is a tower on the Gage/Lancaster county lines and a justification in the Southeast Region for wireless connectivity. Environmental approval must be gained in order to be reimbursed with grant funding. Local money can be spent on PSAP Interoperability (Black Boxes/Paraclete), the Mutual Aid Frequency Plan, or a local dispatch center.

University of Nebraska Public Policy Center – Denise Bulling

The S.W.O.T. meetings are almost complete. General Emergency Management issues and Communications issues have been discussed. Results will be prepared for use by the planning academy team as they set the agenda for this year’s experience. The PPC is also working with NEMA on the Investment Justification process for the 2010 Homeland Security Funds.

A draft of the Annual Report for the NWIN Council was reviewed. Any comments or changes should be made as soon as possible. A final version will be voted on at the next meeting as an action item.

NCOR representatives– Mark Conrey

A vendor was originally selected but State Purchasing has recommended that a new RFP be released and reviewed. Purchasing is expected to release the RFP on February 8, 2010 and open for 60 days. The next NCOR meeting is not yet scheduled

Action Items

1. Work group assignments – None at this time.
2. Approval of procedures - None at this time.
3. Acceptance or Recommendations of projects – None at this time.

Comments

1. Member comments – None.
2. Public comments – None.

Acronyms	
NCOR	Nebraska Council of Regions
NWIN	Nebraska Wireless Interoperable Network
NEMA	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
OCIO	Office of the Chief Information Officer

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2010 at 2:00 PM, in Lincoln. The location will be posted at: <http://homelandplanning.nebraska.edu/regionalcalendar.htm>