# SIEC Lead Agency Report

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# Lead Agency Activities

- 2010 Olympics – IWIN Interoperability & P25 Pilot Project
  - WSP Electronics Division Commander Robert Schwent will provide an update of these activities later in the agenda.

# Cross-Border Communications

- B.C-Washington Working Group meeting was held at the Customs and Border Patrol in Blaine, Washington, on July 16th.
  - Primary focus of the meeting was to begin development of communication plan to support the Washington DOH – B.C. Health Agreement on EMS Cross-border responses that was signed in May.

# Cross-Border Communications

- Chief Haslip from the Blain P.D. provided an overview to the group of the DHS funded Multi-band radio project that they have been selected to participate in.

- There was discussion regarding the upcoming Cross-Border Interoperability Demonstration Grant process and a possible project application to enhance interoperability across the entire B.C.-Washington border.

# Cross-Border Communications

- Border Interoperability Grant is to be announced within the next couple of months.
  - $30M program
  - At least three northern border and at least three southern border projects will be funded.
  - Up to $5,000,000 for each project

# Cross-Border Communications

- Possible Washington application:
  - Develop an all hazard response, cross-border frequency plan and purchase and install supporting infrastructure
    - Will require direct work with Industry Canada and the F.C.C. to gain frequency authorizations
    - May require clearing incumbents off of selected frequencies; Frequency licensing activities
    - Development of Agreements and procedures for use
    - Installation of repeaters to support communications
    - Preparation of training materials and training personnel

# OEC Technical Assistance Projects

- **Update:**
  - **Interoperable Channel Planning**
    - Contractors have completed a series of interviews with key technical/operational stakeholders from across the state.
    - Site visit/interview reports are being reviewed.
    - Report draft is due from O.E.C. at the end of September.

# OEC Technical Assistance Projects

- **Regional Interoperability Executive Committee Framework Development**
  - Federal contractor is working with HLS Region 9 stakeholders to determine the applicability utilizing the Region 3 Interoperability Agreement as a basis for moving forward in Region 9
  - Report is currently being reviewed by O.E.C.; due for release in September.
  - Lead Agency is already working with the Region to further facilitate the development of a Regional IEC

# 2008 IECGP Progress

- 2008 IECGP Project
  - Working with HLS Regions to meet identified priorities in the areas of governance, planning, training and exercise.
    - Assistance includes supporting TIC-P development, facilitating Regional Interoperability Executive Committee (RIEC) development and providing training assistance to the regions.
    - Two statewide summits will be scheduled for early Spring of 2010.

# 2009 IECGP

- 2009 IECGP Activities
  - Contracts with EMD for these projects are under review.
  - A project plan for the development of statewide interoperability policies and procedures has been drafted and a time line is under development.
  - Call for stakeholder participation will be issued in September.

# 2010 IECGP

- 2010 IECGP Grant Projects (Nov. 2009)
  - 2010 IECGP guidance will be much like 2009
  - Focused on governance, planning, training and exercises
  - It is possible that narrow-banding activities might be allowed
  - Short turnaround expected again
  - SIEC will be asked to help review and score applications

# Narrowbanding

- Narrowbanding
  - O.E.C. recently held a webinar on this topic
  - Concern exists on the readiness of agencies to deal with the January 2013 mandate from the F.C.C.
  - Lead Agency will be conducting a survey in early September to determine the narrow-banding awareness and level of conversion progress by Washington State public safety licensees.

# Narrowbanding, continued

- Narrowbanding
  - Results of the survey will assist us in determining the extent of difficulty in meeting the deadline and possible assistance recommendations.

# Other Lead Agency Activities

- Assisted the Tri-County Puget Sound Region in the selection of their consultant for their system replacement study.

- Participated in Strategic Communications Planning meeting with Spokane City and County.

# Other Lead Agency Activities

- Chief Broman, Alan Komenski and Laura Kingman attended the National Interoperability Coordinator's Meeting in San Diego.
  - Major Topics included:
    - Interoperability governance structures
    - The importance of interoperability in major incident responses
    - Grant opportunities

# Other Lead Agency Activities

- Met with the Seattle P.D to begin discussions on meeting the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) Goal 1
  - Applies to the UASI Region agencies
  - Must be met by mid-2010
- Meeting with the Seattle Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan Committee on September 1.
- The NECP measurements guide from OEC for Goals 2 and 3 are due out in September.

# Outreach

- SIEC ListServ
  - More people signed up
  - Messages sent
    - SIEC Newsletter
    - Commerce Dept requests PSIC Extension
    - US/Canada Cross-Border Workshop Materials
    - Meeting Notice
  - Problems solved
    - Military Department
  - Taking Requests

# Outreach

- SIEC Web site
  - Content updated
    - Meeting materials
    - New Links/Documents added
    - New members added: Mr. Tortorice and Mr. Moses
    - Tracking success
      - GMAP and CASM
  - Broken Links fixed
    - Many federal sites changed
  - Taking Requests

# SIEC Newsletter

- Proposed Topics:
  - Narrowbanding (story and survey)
  - CASM Project/HLS Grant
  - IECGP 2008 Update
  - OSCCR Availability and Use
  - IECGP 2009 Announcement
  - DNR RFP
  - NGA Update
  - SWIC Meeting (San Diego)
  - RECCWG
  - Cross-Border Progress/Update
  - Meeting Notice
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# IECGP 2008

- Alan coordinating workshop funds
- Laura will plan and manage Summits
  - April 2010
  - One east/One west
  - Building advisory team
    - Agendas
    - Locations
    - Logistics
    - Volunteers?

# Interoperability video project

- Powerful Communication Tool
  - Explains interoperability and helps stakeholders from all levels of government understand how to get involved in establishing and enhancing response level emergency communications.
  - Stakeholders can use to help educate policymakers and peers.

# Interoperability video project

- Progress
  - Outline written
  - First round of collateral materials gathered
  - Script completed and approved
  - Interviews scheduled/logistics finalized
  - Securing still photos and video clips from around the state. Thank you to everyone who has answered the call!  We will have a valuable, representative video with so much great input.

# Questions?