

To: Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

From: Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority
(LA-RICS)

Subject: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Extension Request,
Recovery Act-The Los Angeles Public Safety Broadband Network: LA-
SafetyNet (Award ID: 7835) for Award Period from 09/01/2010 to 09/30/2015

Date: September 22, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS) requests a period of performance extension until December 31, 2015 to continue the successful implementation of our Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) award. This request includes this project's extension rationale and provides supporting documentation as attachments to the Award Action Request (AAR).

- 1) **Reason(s) for Extension Request:** LA-RICS has experienced circumstances that have caused the need for an extension beyond the original project end date. The narrative below provides an explanation of how the project-specific circumstances resulted in the need for a period of performance extension; our proposed plan for addressing any outstanding issues; and the project benefits that will be delivered during the extension period.

Specific circumstances requiring performance period extension:

Although the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) will be substantially complete by September 30, 2015, additional work needs to be done before it can be fully completed. Additional time is therefore needed for the following:

1. Future claims on vendor notices to proceed. Typically, claims resolution for construction projects is undertaken after the completion of all construction work for a project. However, given the BTOP performance end date, LA-RICS has been undertaking the unusual step of evaluating claims before project completion. These include claims made by contractors for above scope work, additional engineering resources due to system design and site changes, unforeseen conditions encountered during site construction, increases to project management staff due to system design changes, site changes, and project schedule extension. LA-RICS needs to determine the claims are in compliance with the contract scope of work, appropriateness of work, charges related to such work, and whether such work is in conformance with the pricing set forth in the contract.
2. Clear construction site punch list. Additional time is needed to clear remaining punch list items which include turning on fiber and permanent power to sites, conduit pulls for power, commissioning and testing uninterrupted power supply generators and transfer switches.
3. System optimization. Additional time is also needed to conduct functional testing, commissioning and integration of the Trunked Mobile Radio, radio frequency verification, cluster turning, waterway coverage test, freeway coverage test, wide area coverage test, special operations test and stress verification, PSBN burn-in test.
4. Training users on the system will also require additional time.

Project benefits during extension period: If the request for additional time is granted, the following tasks are projected to be completed by these dates:

1. Future claims on vendor Notices to Proceed. Oct to Dec, 2015
2. Clear Construction Site Punch List. Oct to Dec, 2015.
3. System Optimization. Oct to Dec, 2015
4. Training users on the system. Nov to Dec, 2015

2) **Supporting Documentation:** LA-RICS submits the following documentation to assist NTIA with the review of this extension request. The attached materials have been updated according to revised project plans for an extended award period and reflect the narrative provided above.

- **Revised SF-424C Budget** (documentation of how remaining Federal and match funds in each SF-424C category will be used) **and associated narrative** (*LA-RICS Estimated Budget for Oct to Dec 2015*)
- **Project Plan** (updated timeline/milestones needed to achieve benefits within the extension period) *Please see table above for Project Benefits for updated timeline/milestone.*
- **Revised Performance Projections** (table below)

Revised Performance Projections

Performance Indicator	Revised Project Goals
New Network Miles Deployed	113.7 miles
New Network Miles Leased	0
Existing Network Miles Upgraded	100-110 miles
Existing Network Miles Leased	527
CAIs Receiving New Access	606
CAIs Receiving Improved Access	0

- **For recipients requesting an extension beyond September 30, 2013, a breakdown of planned expended award funding**(table below)

Funding Period	Planned Federal Amount	Planned Match Amount
Actual Funding Spent to Date and Planned <u>Expended</u> Funding to Sept. 30, 2015	\$98,725,439	\$20,749,163
Planned Funding Needed Beyond Sept. 30, 2015	\$18,417,288	\$0

LA-RICS understands that it must continue to comply with all statutory and programmatic requirements and that this is a no-cost period of performance extension request only (i.e., no additional BTOP funding will be provided under this extension request).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS)

Recipients are encouraged to work with their Federal Program Officer (FPO) prior to submitting the extension request. Upon submission of the extension request and supporting documentation as an AAR, the FPO will forward to the Grants Office. The Grants Office reviews the request and communicates the decision to the recipient.