

**State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)  
Supplemental Application Narrative**

**1. Existing Governance Body**

- a. Describe the organizational structure and membership of the existing Statewide Interoperability Governing Body (SIGB), or its equivalent, that is responsible for public safety communications in the State.
- b. Describe the SIGB's authority to make decisions regarding public safety communications and how these decisions are implemented.
- c. Describe how the State will leverage its existing SIGB, or its equivalent, to coordinate the implementation of the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) in the State.
- d. How does the State plan to expand its existing SIGB to include representatives with an understanding of wireless broadband and Long Term Evolution (LTE) technology in order to facilitate its consultations with FirstNet?
- e. Does the State currently dedicate sufficient financial resources to adequately support the SIGB? Does the State intend to invest funds received from SLIGP to financially support the SIGB? If so, provide the amount the State expects to request and describe the SIGB functions that these funds will support.

**2. Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)**

- a. Are there existing strategic goals and initiatives in your SCIP focused on public safety wireless broadband? If so, what are they?
- b. Describe how the State has engaged local governments and tribal nations, if applicable, in public safety broadband planning activities that have been completed to date.
- c. Does the State intend to use SLIGP funding to support efforts to update the SCIP by adding public safety wireless broadband strategic goals and initiatives? If so, provide the amount the State expects to request and describe the activities that these funds will support.

**3. State-level Involvement**

- a. What is the status of the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for your State? Does this person work full-time in the SWIC capacity? How will this person be involved with SLIGP?

- b. How will the State's Chief Information Officer/Chief Technology Officer be involved with SLIGP and with activities related to the implementation of the nationwide public safety broadband network?
- c. What other State-level organizations or agencies will be involved with SLIGP?
- d. What are the specific staffing resources the State requires to effectively implement the consultation process with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) and perform the requirements of SLIGP? If the application requests funding for additional staffing, provide the amount the State expects to request and describe the positions these funds will support.
- e. How is the State engaging private industry and secondary users (e.g., utilities)?

#### **4. Coordination with Local Government Jurisdictions**

- a. Describe the local government jurisdictional structure (e.g., municipalities, cities, counties, townships, parishes) located within the boundaries of the State, Commonwealth, Territory, or District applying for a grant. How many of these local jurisdictions exist within the State's boundaries?
- b. Describe how your State will involve these local jurisdictions to ensure there is adequate representation of their interests in the FirstNet consultation and in the planning and governance for SLIGP.
- c. Describe past methods the State has used to successfully coordinate state-wide projects or activities with local government jurisdictions.
- d. What have been some of the State's primary challenges when engaging with local jurisdictions? What are some of the strategies that the State will employ to overcome these challenges during implementation of SLIGP?

#### **5. Regional Coordination**

- a. Does your State have intrastate regional committees that are involved with public safety communications? If so, please describe their organizational structure and membership and how they provide input to the SIGB.
- b. Describe any interstate regional bodies in which your State participates that are involved with public safety communications in the State.
- c. How does the State plan to engage and leverage these existing regional coordination efforts in the nationwide public safety broadband network planning?

- d. Please identify, if applicable, any other state, territory, or regional entity with which the State collaborated or coordinated in the development and preparation of this application and describe the nature of that collaboration or coordination.

## **6. Tribal Nations**

- a. How many federally recognized tribes are located within the State boundaries? (If the answer is zero, please skip to question #7.) Information on federally recognized tribes may be located at the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs website: <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OIS/TribalGovernmentServices/TribalDirectory/index.html>
- b. Describe how the State will involve the tribal nations to ensure there is adequate representation of their interests in the FirstNet consultation and in the planning/governance for the grant program. Does the State have a process for consulting with the tribes located within State boundaries? If so, please provide a description of that process.
- c. Describe past methods the State has used to successfully coordinate with tribal nations.
- d. Are there tribal representatives who regularly attend your SIGB meetings? If so, please identify the tribes represented.
- e. What have been some of the State's primary challenges when engaging with tribal nations? What are some of the strategies that the State will employ to overcome these challenges during implementation of SLIGP?

## **7. Rural Coverage**

- a. Please classify your local jurisdictions into rural and non-rural areas and identify the criteria used in making these rural and non-rural determinations.
- b. Please describe the coverage area and availability of broadband service and LTE technology in the rural areas of the State as defined in response to 7.a.
- c. Please describe how the State plans to prioritize the grant activities to ensure coverage in, and participation by, rural areas. Please include specific plans, milestones, and metrics to demonstrate how you will achieve these requirements.

## **8. Existing Infrastructure**

- a. What, if any, databases exist that collect data on government-owned wireless and/or communications infrastructure for the state, local, and/or tribal governments?
- b. If these databases exist, what is the process for updating them and how often do these updates occur?

**9. Existing Government-Owned Networks**

- a. Describe how you plan to identify any hardening, security, reliability, or resiliency requirements that are currently required for existing government-owned networks within the State, including those networks at the local and tribal governments.
- b. Describe how you plan to identify any existing contractual requirements regarding hardening, security, reliability, or resiliency for commercial carriers providing wireless data services within the State, including those at the local and tribal governments.

**10. Network Users**

- a. Describe how you plan to identify the potential users of the nationwide public safety broadband network within the State, including at the local and tribal governments.

**11. Education and Outreach**

- a. Describe how you plan to educate and train multi-discipline, public safety and other government users of the nationwide public safety broadband network at your State, local, and tribal levels.

**12. Memorandum of Agreements**

- a. Describe any specific obstacles, laws, and/or legal issues that will likely impede your ability to participate fully in the nationwide public safety broadband network or in SLIGP.

**13. Tools**

- a. What are some of the software tools that the State has used and could apply to the planning and data collection activities associated with this program?
- b. Is the State aware of additional tools that could be useful for implementing allowable grant activities?

**14. Phase Two Funding**

- a. Describe the activities that you expect to undertake with the Phase 2 funding when it is made available to the State, Territory, or District.

**15. Other**

- a. Please list any consultants, vendors, or other entity that assisted in the preparation of this application.