



**ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
(A Federal, State and Municipal Partnership)**

MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council

November 23, 2011

FROM: DOD Executive Co-Chair

SUBJECT: October 17, 2011, ALMR Executive Council Meeting Minutes

TO: See Distribution

Executive Council Members Present:

Commissioner Joe Masters

Commissioner, State of Alaska
Department of Public Safety
Alaska Municipal League (via
teleconference)

Chief Jeff Tucker

ALMR Support Team Members and Guests Present:

Mr. Pat Shier

Director, Enterprise Technology Services (via
teleconference)

Major Matt Leveque

User Council Chairman

Mr. Del Smith

Operations Manager

Mr. Trygve Erickson

Municipality of Anchorage (on behalf of Mr.
Kevin Spillers) (via teleconference)

Ms. Sherry Shafer

Operations Management Office

Mr. Pete Murphy

Federal Non-DOD User Council
Representative (FBI)

Mr. Andy Booker

Enterprise Technology Services (via
teleconference)

Mr. John Lynn

Enterprise Technology Services (via
teleconference)

Ms. Sharon White

Enterprise Technology Services (via
teleconference)

1. Call to Order. Commissioner Joe Masters, State of Alaska Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Opening Statements and Other Announcements. None.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Masters asked if there were any requested changes to the September minutes. There were none. The minutes were not approved due to a lack of a quorum of Executive Council members.

4. Old Business.

a. Alaska Federal Executive Association (AFEA) Funding. Mr. Del Smith advised the participating council members that Mr. Woodall had briefed at the last User Council meeting that only 2 of the 14 Alaska Federal Executive Association (AFEA) agencies had returned the Inter-service Agreements at that time. Mr. Smith also advised the Executive Council that if the DOD was unable to collect the funds from the AFEA, the DOD would not apply funds to the contract for the remaining six months of the contract. The Operations Management Office support to the Executive Council and User Council would end and the quarterly *Insider* newsletter would also no longer be published.

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b. Army Site Equipment Divestiture. Mr. Jim Kohler was not in attendance; therefore, Commissioner Masters asked Director Shier if he had the any information regarding the transfer. Director Pat Shier stated that Ms. Carole Beecher had been given the responsibility to handle the inventory verification for the State. He also stated that an inventory of the equipment in the initial 13 sites had not been started yet and with the weather degrading it may not occur this year. Director Shier advised the Executive Council the State may try to get a helicopter and go to several of the sites in a single day, if a break in the weathers occurs. He also suggested the State may approach the Department of Defense (DOD) for possible transportation support.

In light of the possibility that the State may not be able to inventory the equipment prior to the end of the year, Director Shier suggested that the State may request an alternative to a full transfer and ask the DOD that a clause be inserted into the language stating that acceptance of the equipment be subject to confirmation of the equipment at the site and its working condition in the future. **OPEN**

c. Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC). Commissioner Masters stated that at this time there was nothing really to speak to regarding this subject other than the fact that everyone recognized that to change the responsible body would require a change in the governance structure.

Mr. Smith stated that as discussed at the last meeting, the SIEC, as assigned under the Executive Council is not functioning.

Major Leveque stated that he and Chief Tucker had spoken briefly about this about a week ago. He also advised that the State is reporting to the Federal government that the State interoperable governance body is Alaska Interoperable Communications Committee (AKICC) and it is being referred to in all the grant funding language. Major Leveque stated although AKICC may be that body, it is not apparently, sufficiently constituted to have much horse power and is buried in another committee. Perhaps, If

the State chose to reconfigure or strengthen AKICC, then perhaps the SIEC functions could be stuck in there like is done in other states.

Chief Jeff Tucker stated his hope would be that one day it would be a higher level organization. The current 911 executive body is the type that AKICC needs to be down the line.

Commissioner Masters stated that perhaps leaving it within the Executive Council at this time is appropriate until it is fully addressed because it would keep open until a change is made. **CLOSED**

d. ALMR System Lifecycle Management and Upgrade. Commissioner Masters asked Director Shier if he felt he had enough information on this update regarding any funding regarding the FY13 budget on his end. Director Shier advised that the Governor's budget would be out soon, and they had also received the draft report from Worldwide Technologies on the value of ALMR and other options available to the State.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Trygve Erickson if there had been any discussion on the AWARN side regarding the upgrade.

Mr. Erickson stated they were beginning to discuss it although they did not have to do anything yet. The Municipality would include it in their annual request to the State for legislative grants, but that is about the only funding source they see possible.

Mr. Smith stated that his understanding is that the DOD could not pay for services that would be optional. This would affect the cost savings under the \$8M proposal that allows for purchasing the lifecycle upgrade package to bring the System up to date and subsequent lifecycle updates occurring every few years for a substantial savings at \$1 - 2M in the out years. Mr. Smith advised that electing to only do a onetime update to bring the System to the current software release without the lifecycle escalated the cost to \$10M. Effectively, in another three to five years down the road, we'd be in the same situation and System updates would have to be readdressed again. **OPEN**

5. User Council Update.

a. Major Matt Leveque stated he had received terrific feedback from the Department of Transportation regarding the Mt Sunny Hay site, which had been activated on September 21. He asked Director Shier for clarification of the time period the funding covered.

Director Shier stated until such time that it was known how funding for ALMR would be addressed or what the future maintenance would look like, the funding for Mt Sunny Hay covered maintenance and monitoring through June 30, 2012.

b. Federal Non-DOD Alternate position. Major Leveque briefed that Mr. Leon Morgan had been nominated to replace Mr. Doug Schoenwald on the User Council in the State of Alaska- All Others alternate position and that Commissioner Masters had accepted the

nomination as the State of Alaska representative on the Executive Council. The appointment of Mr. Morgan was not approved due to a lack of a quorum of Executive Council members.

6. Operations Management Office.

a. Mr. Smith presented the September System metrics to the Executive Council. He stated that the both calls and busies had dropped off significantly. This was a usual occurrence at the end of the summer.

b. Operations Management Office (OMO) Performance-Based Work Statement (PBWS). Mr. Smith advised the Executive Council that, although the State's intentions for future contracts with the OMO were unknown, Mr. Woodall had requested a draft PBWS for SOA FY13 be prepared for the DOD and provided to him no later than November 1. Mr. Smith stated the draft had been provided to the User Council and all comments were due back by Wednesday, October 19.

7. New Business.

Commissioner Masters stated for the minutes that the after-the-fact Change Request regarding the tower and shelter relocation would be signed after the close of the meeting.

8. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled November 17. Chief Tucker stated he is available, but Commissioner Masters stated he would be out of town on the day. The OMO advised they would send out an email requesting availability of the council members and a date would be set after such time.

9. Adjourn Meeting. Commissioner Masters adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.



JOSEPH MASTERS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety
State of Alaska Executive Council Co-Chair

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