



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



MEMORANDUM FOR ALMR Executive Council

January 24, 2017

FROM: DOD Executive Co-Chair

SUBJECT: November 17, 2016, ALMR Executive Council Meeting Minutes

TO: See Distribution

Executive Council Members Present:

Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer

Colonel Harold Hoang

Captain Dave Koch

A/ASAC Kevin Ellsworth

State of Alaska – Department of
Public Safety

Department of Defense (DOD) –
Alaskan Command (ALCOM)/J6

Municipality of Anchorage – Anchorage
Police Department

Federal Bureau of Investigation (on
behalf of A/ASAC Kurt Ormberg)

ALMR Support Team Members and Guests Present:

Mr. Ocie Adams

Mr. Del Smith

Mr. Jim Steele

Mr. Scott Stormo

Mr. Tim Woodall

Mr. John Rockwell

Mr. Bruce Richter

Mr. Alan Jackson

Mr. Mike Hawkins

Ms. Sherry Shafer

User Council Chair (via teleconference)

Operations Manager

Enterprise Technology Services (via
teleconference)

Enterprise Technology Services

DOD ALMR Program Manager

Department of Public Safety

OEC Region X (via teleconference)

Motorola® Solutions

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Operations Management Office (via
teleconference)

1. **Call to Order.** Deputy Commissioner Bill Comer, State of Alaska (SOA) Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and the roll call was read.

2. **Opening Statements and Other Announcements.**

Deputy Commissioner Comer asked the group if there were any opening statements or special announcements.

Mr. Tim Woodall introduced Mr. Alan Jackson, Motorola Solutions® Federal side, to the group and briefed them on Mr. Jackson's service with ALMR since 1997. Mr. Woodall pointed out that Mr. Jackson had been instrumental in getting the Federal and State sides of Motorola® together, but was now retiring after almost 20 years working with ALMR.

Mr. Woodall then introduced Mr. Mike Hawkins, who would be replacing Mr. Jackson. He noted Mr. Hawkins was currently in Honolulu, Hawaii, but would be coming up to Alaska in the January/February timeframe.

Mr. Jackson advised the council and staff he'd been with Motorola® a total of 36 years and ALMR had been quite an accomplishment.

Mr. Hawkins stated he was excited to begin working with everyone.

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.** Deputy Commissioner Comer asked the Executive Council (EC) members if they had reviewed the October meeting minutes and if they had any changes. Hearing no requests for changes, he requested a motion for their approval.

Motion: Approve the October 20 Executive Council meeting minutes as written.

The motion was made by Colonel Harold Hoang and seconded by Deputy Commissioner Comer. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

4. **Old Business.**

House Bill 256, Request for Information (RFI). Mr. Jim Steele advised the council the RFI closed on November 4. He stated they had received responses from Motorola, Harris, Pantel, GCI, CDX Wireless and CDP Technologies. Mr. Steele pointed out that Cisco, who basically was the cause of this RFI coming about, did not respond directly but brought in CDX who offers consulting services for planning, procuring and operating. He emphasized they did not address the essence of a complete System lifecycle operation.

Deputy Commissioner Comer asked Mr. Steele what CDX provide by way of their proposal and Mr. Steele sated that CDX wanted to provide information to make use of the State wide area network IP, which was not a ground-breaking idea and something the State already does.

Mr. Steele briefed there wasn't really any one organization with a real total cost of ownership response and they would now have to decide how to respond to the Legislature, which must occur by the end of the calendar year. He noted that he would like to consider a more proactive approach to funding ALMR and would look at other state's funding mechanisms, cost cutting measures and revenue generating strategies.

Deputy Commissioner Comer and Mr. Woodall both asked what Motorola had provided.

Mr. Steele stated it was a pretty short response which listed a description of their costs for lifecycle sustainment, other like solutions, cost estimates and product literature. He also noted Harris' submission was pretty similar.

Deputy Commissioner Comer direct this item be **CLOSED**.

5. User Council Update.

a. User Council Vacancies. Mr. Ocie Adams advised the council that vacancies remained for the alternate Southeast-Municipalities position, the primary Federal Non-DOD US Forest Service position and both the primary and alternate US Army-Alaska (USARAK) positions.

Mr. Woodall stated although the paperwork had not been processed, Mr. Rick Williams had been attending the User Council meetings and would be the designated primary representative for USARAK.

b. Annual User Council Elections. Mr. Adams stated the User Council was currently conducting the annual election of the Chair and Vice Chair. He noted the ballots were due by December 2 and the results would be announced at the December 7 User Council meeting.

Deputy Commissioner Comer asked if there were any other issues pending and Mr. Adams stated there were none. He briefed that he follows the site maintenance issues and hadn't seen any trends suggesting the possibility of a catastrophic equipment failure.

Deputy Commissioner Comer asked if the User Council ever discussed the possibility of revenue generation to help cover System costs like Mr. Steele had previously mentioned.

Mr. Adams noted they had in the past and adding a specific tax had been suggested. He also noted he was trying to get a line request added to the budget for the Strategic Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Mr. Adams explained that depending on the score awarded to the application, in which ALMR is considered as an IT project, there could be approximately \$46M awarded to cover costs for the System through 2022. He did stress that in the last cycle 16 projects that had been submitted had not been approved and had been carried over to this cycle, so the competition was very tough. Mr. Adams stated he would be requesting a substantial amount of assistance from Mr. Stormo and the OMO to gather information to complete the application.

6. Operations Management Office.

a. FY18 OMO/SMO Budget. Mr. Smith stated the budget had been approved by the Executive Council, with the final vote received on November 3, and then it had been passed on to ETS.

b. October System Metrics. Mr. Smith briefed the push to talks were approximately 1.2M for the month and busies had dropped from 530 in October down to 366.

c. FY17 Membership Agreements. Mr. Smith advised that 81 of the current 126 member agencies had completed their agreements and returned them. He also noted Haines Borough Police Department had recently joined ALMR and the Division of Forestry was going to loan them some radios until they could get their grant application done.

d. System Change Request. Mr. Smith stated he had a System Change Request for the State of Alaska replacement of 12 of the Gold Elite consoles with MCC7500s, which needed to be approved/signed by the Executive Council.

Mr. Stormo noted that Soldotna was the proposed first installation location. He also mentioned MATCOM was discussing their console replacements, but had not executed a contract yet.

e. Cooperative Agreement Update. Mr. Smith briefed the council that the Operations Management Office (OMO) had reviewed the Cooperative Agreement a couple years ago and noted the language was grossly out of date because it still contained numerous references to the Project Team. He stated the OMO had edited it to remove that language and to update references to actions that were to be completed within a certain timeframe after the agreement was signed. Mr. Smith requested the agreement be reviewed and approved by the council and rerouted for signatures.

Colonel Hoang noted that last year the opportunity was missed to discuss the cooperative in Juneau but Lieutenant General Wilsbach was going to be speaking in front of the Legislature sometime in February 2017. He pointed out the timing of the update was good if we could get this completed.

Mr. Woodall stated their Base Legal Office would want to update the clauses, as well.

7. New Business.

a. Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) Day. Colonel Hoang advised the group that ALCOM was hosting a DSCA day in late January, but the actual timing would be based on the General's schedule. He stated that there would also be demonstrations of the capabilities similar to when the Executive Council visited in October.

Mr. Smith briefed a couple officers from the U.S. Army 4/25 had recently come over to talk to him about what capabilities their radios offered, as they were being assigned a DSCA role in December.

b. Revenue Generation. NOTE: This item was mentioned during previous discussions regarding the RFI, but further discussion was deferred until New Business.

Deputy Commissioner Comer advised he was not sure how to approach this.

Mr. Smith stated he wished the SIGB was stood up because they should be making any kinds of recommendations to the Governor regarding surcharges or fees on any number of things. He pointed out if you have something every citizen pays, then the locals are contributing toward the System funding.

Mr. Woodall stated he agreed with Mr. Smith. He noted that the Department of Homeland Security has a governance model covering this and through that process they might be able to deliver something to the Governor for consideration.

Mr. Woodall advised the DOD would have to be silent in any conversations like this, but would be supportive of alternate funding recommendations.

Mr. John Rockwell stated the thought it was the User Council's responsibility to form a committee and come up with a strong recommendation regarding a total cost of ownership strategy.

Mr. Woodall pointed out the User Council doesn't have the personnel to form a committee and report monthly or the money to develop a model or study. He suggested the best they could do was perhaps develop a white paper on recommendations.

c. QA/QC Test of the Transportable Communications System. Mr. Woodall reminded the council one of the missions of Alaskan Command is DSCA and part of the response actions is to facilitate and offer email, phone, and internet services in the event of a disaster. He stated that during their most recent test of Transportable Area North, they were unable to connect to the SOA telephone system like they had previously been able to do and he wondered what had occurred that would have changed their access. Subsequent discussion on the subject pointed to the contract for the SOA phone system being acquired by GCI.

Mr. Woodall recommended a memorandum of understanding be executed with the State as a solution for DOD to be able to acquire these services in emergency situations and from time to time during exercises, demonstrations or testing. He noted they were trying to come up with a clear process at this point, so they could have something in place.

Mr. Stormo stated Enterprise Technology Services could help look at this and requested Mr. Woodall send him an email request.

Mr. Steele also stated they should be able to figure it out.

8. Next Meeting. Deputy Commissioner Comer briefed the next meeting is scheduled for December 15, at 1:30 p.m. at 5900 E Tudor Road in the Enterprise Technology

Services Conference Room. He noted he would be unavailable starting December 15 through the remainder of the month.

There was discussion regarding the cancellation of the December meeting due to the absence of so many personnel during the holidays, and it was agreed upon that the next regular meeting would be held on January 19, 2017.

9. Adjourn Meeting. Deputy Commissioner Comer asked if there were any other items for the council's discussion.

Hearing no comments, Deputy Commissioner Comer requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Adjourn the November monthly Executive Council meeting.

The motion was made by Colonel Hoang and seconded by Deputy Commissioner Comer. There were no objections. **The motion was carried and approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.



Bill Comer, Deputy Commissioner
State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety
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