

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 8, 2006

The Honorable Michael Chertoff
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Chertoff:

The Nevada Congressional delegation respectfully requests technical assistance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to complete a Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) plan for the State of Nevada.

Recently, the Las Vegas working group concluded a development effort with DHS Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) personnel. This process resulted in a TIC plan for Las Vegas, as mandated for Urban Area Security Initiative funding purposes by DHS. We request the same ICTAP team work with state officials to develop a statewide TIC plan.

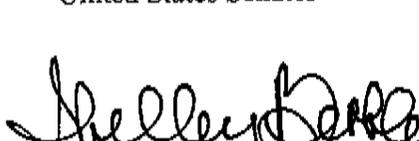
A Nevada TIC plan is the next step and natural complement to the Nevada Strategic Plan for Interoperable Communications, which was recently completed with assistance from DHS SAFECOM personnel. It will also leverage DHS Fiscal Year 2006 grant funds and realize SAFECOM recommendations on tactical planning.

This is an ideal time to continue the TIC planning process in Nevada. All of the Las Vegas participants are available and eager to assist state officials with this proposed expansion effort. Additionally, the creation of a Nevada statewide TIC plan following implementation of the Las Vegas plan would promote a leading model of progress in interoperable communications for other states to follow.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Terry Savage, Nevada State Chief Information Office and Chairman of the Nevada Communications Steering Committee at (775) 684-5801 or tsavage@doit.nv.gov.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

		
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