DRAFT MINUTES
NV COMMUNICATIONS
STEERING COMMITTEE
Grants Sub-Committee

DATE	February 9, 2012
TIME	2:00 PM
LOCATION	215 E Bonanza , Las Vegas NV 401 S Carson St, Carson City NV
METHOD	Video Teleconference
RECORDER	Hanne Epstein

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members	Present	DEM Staff	Present
Lou Amell	X	David Fein	X
Robert Chisel		Pete Reinschmidt	X
Craig Harrison	X	Jeffrey Yeagley	X
Tammy James	X		
Chris Perry			
Bonnie Petti	X		

CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman James called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – **Hanne Epstein** DEM called the roll and a quorum was declared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Chairwoman James asked if there were any members of the public who wished to make a comment at this time.

Lou Amell commented that he would like to go through all the request to fully understand them, and rate them based on the project itself picking the true priorities, not pay attention to the funding available. **Chairwoman James** agreed with the comments. **Pete Reinschmidt** commented that the recommendations from the grant subcommittee would be moved forward and presented at the next NCSC meeting for vote and approval. **Craig Harrison** commented that when ranking the projects it should also be considered if they are pointed at past and current technology or include the LTE technology based on country wide interoperability and future technology available.

REVIEW OF 2012 INVESTMENT JUSTIFICATIONS.
David Fein started the agenda item by explaining the process of the 2012 investment justifications. The call for projects goes out from the SWIC and proposed project are returned to the SWIC. The SWIC and the PGM go through the projects on a first cut basis to see what applies to the ICOM base. The six criteria decided by the Grants Sub-committee are applied to the projects and they are rated in relative order.

David Fein reminded the grant subcommittee members that the SWIC and the PGM are just staff trying to prepare the list for the grant subcommittee to make their decisions. Once the sub grant committee has ranked the projects their decision will go forward as an agenda item to the NCSC for approval and vote. The NCSC the decision will be passed on to the Homeland Security Finance Committee where the projects will be vetted against everything else put in for funding. The Homeland Security Finance Committee will rank all projects and their final suggestion will go in front of the Homeland Security Commission for approval and vote.
The NCSC Grant Sub-committee does not know how much money will be available so the job the sub- committee has to do is ranking the projects based on the project itself.

Lou Amell stated that there is no definite indication that there will be any funding available from Homeland Security or UASI. These projects should be put in priority based on the importance of the project regardless of where the funding stream will come from.

Chairwoman James asked for a presentation of the projects.

David Fein started with a presentation of the projects that were rejected by the SWIC and PGM. These projects had been deemed more operable than interoperable, not meeting the criteria for interoperable communications or had been funded by reallocation or PSIC. He stressed again to the grant subcommittee that this was the first project cuts, and if they did not agree with them the projects could be put back in ranking by the grant subcommittee.

Chairwoman James pointed out that it would be a good idea in the future to go back to the projects that were rejected and give them a chance to redo their projects.

The Grant subcommittee members continued to discuss the ranking of the remaining project proposals.

The NCSC Grants Sub-Committee prioritized and voted to rank this year's project requests as follows:

1. Statewide Interoperable Communications Coordinator and Certified Project Manager funding (SWIC and CPM)
2. Nevada Dispatch Interconnect Project (NDIP)
3. Statewide Interoperability Training
4. 4G/LTE Broadband Engineering Study
5. Hoover Dam Radio interoperability

B. The following project proposals were deemed more "operable" than "interoperable:"
- City of Henderson P-25 radios
- East Fork Fire Department/Quad County radios
- Dispatch Training/ City of Reno
- NV Dept of Education school bus radios
- Clark County School District Dispatch upgrade/interconnect to SNACC
- Clark County Microwave/Desert Sky interconnect

C. Already completed and/or funded by re-allocation and PSIC:
- Sparks Fire Department portable repeaters
- Gateway Training for FAST
- Nevada Hospital Association HAMLINK packet radio
- Tribal Rural engineering study (proposed SNACC links that already exist)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman James called for public comments, no further public comments were heard, Chairwoman James went on to the final agenda item.

ADJOURN: Chairwoman James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lou Amell motioned to adjourn the meeting Vice Chairwoman James called for a vote; all voted in favor, none opposed, and Chairwoman James adjourned the meeting.

Meeting notes completed by Hanne Epstein, for questions call (702) 486-4430 or email hepstein@dps.state.nv.us

Acronyms:

Communication Asset Survey and Mapping: CASM	Nevada Division of Emergency Management: DEM
Communications Unit Leader Training: COM-L	Next Generation 911: NG9-1-1
California Field Operations Guide: CalFOG	Office of Emergency Communication : OEC
Federal Department of Energy: DOE	Public Safety Answering Points: PSAPs
Federal Department of Homeland Security: DHS	Public Safety Interoperable Communications: PSIC
Federal Emergency Management Agency: FEMA	Radio Frequency Identification: RFID
Federal Fiscal Year: FFY	Regional Tactical Interoperable communications Plan: RTICP
Homeland Security Grant Program: HSGP	Remote Communications Support Vehicles: RCSV

Homeland Security Working Group: HSWG	Request for Information: RFI
Interoperable Communications Coordinator: ICC	Request for Proposal: RFP
Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program: ICTAP	Southern Nevada Area Communications Council: SNACC
Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program: IECGP	Standard Operating Procedures: SOP
Internet Protocol: IP	Statewide Interoperability Coordinators: SWIC
Internet Protocol/Voice over Internet Protocol: IP/VoIP	Urban Area : UA
Long Term Evolution (LTE)	Urban Area Security Initiative: UASI
Las Vegas Metro Police Department: LVMPD	Very High Frequency: VHF
National Environmental Policy Act: NEPA	Voice Over Internet Protocol: VOIP
National Nuclear Security Administration: NNSA	Washoe County Sheriff's Office: WCSO
Nevada Communications Steering Committee: NCSC	