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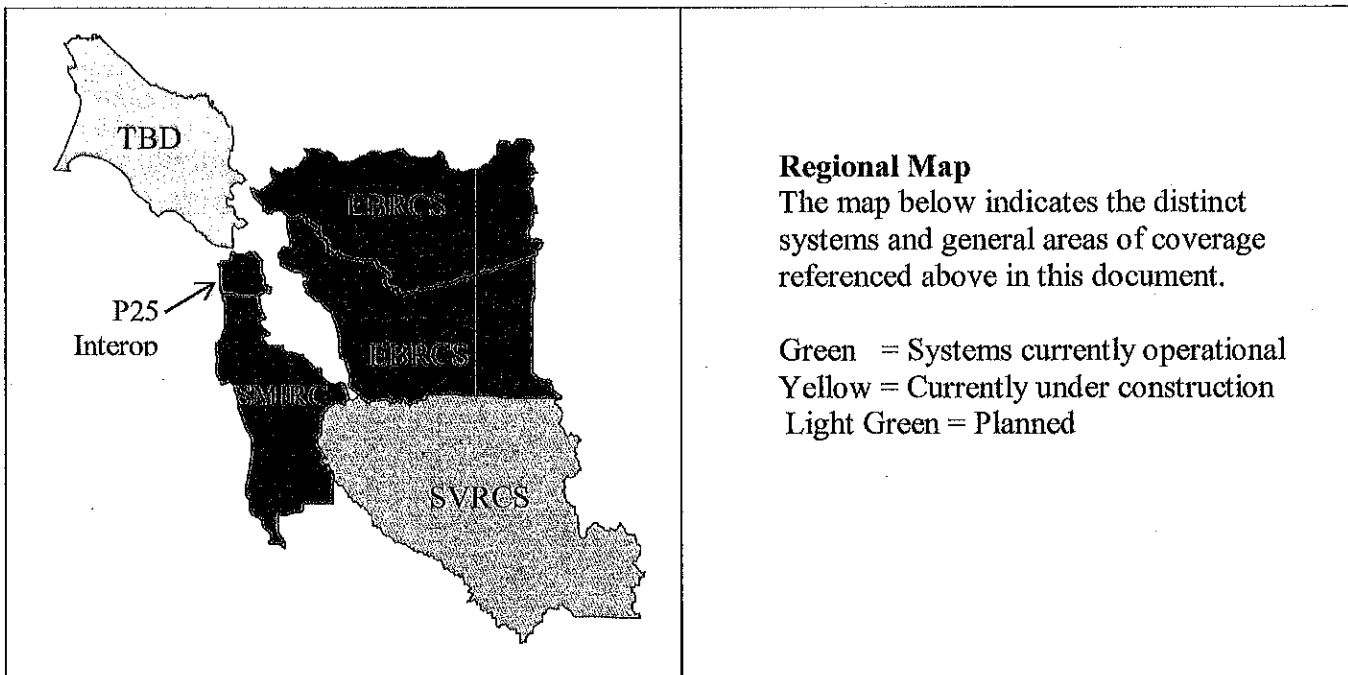
Date: November 22, 2013

Subject: P25 Voice Coordination Funding

To the Urban Area Security Initiative Approval Authority,

I write to express the support of San Mateo County for the UASI 2014 funding request proposed by the BayRICS Authority and its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to sustain regional coordination work required for the Bay Area’s Project 25 (P25) digital voice communications systems. San Mateo Information Services Department serves as the system operator for the San Mateo Interoperable Radio Communications (SMIRC) system.

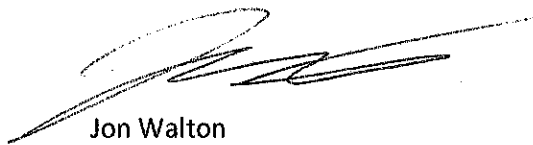
Supported in part through Bay Area UASI funding, these P25 systems will be built as five distinct networks (SMIRC, EBRCS, SF P25 Interop, SVRCS, North Bay) each serving a sub-region of the Bay Area (See map below). This “network-of-networks” approach allows stakeholders to deploy systems that meet the unique needs of the sub-region, and to maximize UASI funding within the framework of the Hub approval process. Additionally, these systems are designed to be interoperable to support inter-system mutual aid capabilities. However, this inter-system interoperability requires regional planning and oversight to ensure effective coordination and communication between the five systems.



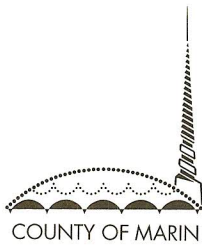
Regional P25 coordination recently began with the cooperative efforts of Alameda County, Contra Costa County, San Mateo County, City and County of San Francisco and City of San Jose to identify and secure funding for one year of coordination. We applaud these jurisdictions for their leadership to launch this important work. However, this funding is only temporary, even though these tasks are ongoing and must continue for the foreseeable future. In addition, the P25 system operators recommend that responsibility for regional coordination should eventually be transferred to BayRICS and TAC, as the appropriate entities to oversee these regional efforts.

Therefore, we ask the UASI Authority to consider BayRICS Authority's proposal for off-the-top funding from UASI 14 to sustain regional coordination of our P25 sub-systems. BayRICS has agreed that the coordination of the five systems can be maintained for \$100,000 per year to ensure the continued optimal communication between the five sub-systems. The Bay Area is making an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in these individual systems—it only makes sense to commit a small amount of UASI funding to ensure that these systems work together to support all the needs of Bay Area Public Safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Walton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Walton
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To the Urban Area Security Initiative Advisory Group:

I am writing to express the support of Marin County for the UASI 14 funding request proposed by the BayRICS Authority and its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to sustain regional coordination work required for the Bay Area's Project 25 (P25) digital voice communications systems. Marin County serves as the system operator for Marin County public safety communication systems.

Accounting

Supported in part through Bay Area UASI funding, these P25 systems will be built as five distinct networks, each serving a sub-region of the Bay Area. This "network-of-networks" approach allows stakeholders to deploy systems that meet the unique needs of the sub-region, and to maximize UASI funding within the framework of the Hub approval process. Additionally, these systems are designed to be fully interoperable to support inter-system mutual aid capabilities. However, this inter-system interoperability requires regional planning and oversight to ensure swift and effective mutual aid response.

Airport

Building Maintenance

Capital Projects

Certified Unified Program
Agency (CUPA)

Regional P25 coordination recently began with the cooperative efforts of Alameda County, Contra Costa County, San Mateo County, City and County of San Francisco and City of San Jose to identify and secure funding for one year of support. We applaud these jurisdictions for their leadership to launch this important work. However, this funding is only temporary, even though these tasks are ongoing and must continue for the foreseeable future. In addition, the P25 system operators recommend that responsibility for regional coordination should eventually be transferred to BayRICS and TAC, as the appropriate entities to oversee these regional efforts.

Communications
Maintenance

County Garage

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Therefore, we ask the UASI Authority to consider BayRICS Authority's proposal for off-the-top funding from UASI 14 to sustain regional coordination of our P25 sub-systems. Coordination can be maintained for \$100,000 per year, and will ensure the continued optimal performance of these sub-systems. The Bay Area is making an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in these individual systems—it only makes sense to commit a small amount of UASI funding to ensure that these systems work together to support all the needs of Bay Area Public Safety.

Flood Control &
Water Resources

Land Development

Purchasing

Sincerely,

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

Shelly Nelson
Communication Services Manager

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Transportation &
Traffic Operations

Waste Management