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## **Dutchess County Awards Federal Engineering a Contract for Public Safety/Public Service Two-Way Radio Assessment**

**FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA**, June 27, 2016 — The County of Dutchess, NY has awarded Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) a contract to survey the current and varied two-way radio systems in use by Public Safety and Public Service entities in the County. The goal of this project is to catalog existing systems, assess their performance, gather end-user feedback, and make recommendations for future system improvements.

Mr. Dana Smith, Commissioner of Emergency Response, said: "The Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response (DER) is the lead entity for this project. Through DC 911, we provide primary dispatch services to 36 of the 37 Fire Departments in the County, 14 police agencies including the New York State Police, 3 commercial ambulance services, and 1 independent volunteer EMS agency. We were looking for a firm that can deal with this level of complexity and also understands the unique environment of our region. DER developed a comprehensive request for proposals and received multiple bids. Federal Engineering submitted a superior proposal and was selected to support this project."

Mr. Ronald F. Bosco, **FE's** President and CEO, described the project: "Federal Engineering will complete the following tasks:

- Survey and catalog all County communications assets including fixed, mobile and portable two-way radio equipment for Public Safety and Public Service Agencies.
- Develop a web-based survey to gather the current and future needs of systems users.
- Meet with each County agency to assess desires for the future systems.
- Make recommendations relating to future system enhancements to support County operations.

In addition, **FE** will present information describing the current standards and requirements for interoperability as well as the future of first responder communications. Information on SAFECOM, NYSIC Plan and FirstNet will also be included."

Federal Engineering is a leading, nationwide firm providing analysis, design, procurement, and implementation support for NG911, PSAPs, ECCs, and EOCs. These services complement **FE's** wide range of consulting services in public safety and public service communications involving LTE as well as traditional VHF, UHF, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz and 4.9GHz mobile radio systems. **FE** also supports FirstNet planning in anticipation of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. Since 1983, **FE** has completed thousands of communications projects for 46 state governments, as well as numerous local and federal government clients.

In addition to its public sector work, Federal Engineering provides design and implementation support services for voice, data, and video networks used in the transportation, utilities, aerospace, finance, education, publishing, and computer services industries. **FE's** certified independence ensures that clients receive objective, unbiased consulting services that are not influenced by any particular technology, product, vendor, or approach.

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