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Federal Engineering to Develop Lincoln County Public Safety Communications System Plan

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, January 16, 2017 — Lincoln County, OR has selected Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) to develop a comprehensive public safety communications system plan to enhance interoperable communications among public safety agencies in the County.

Mr. Ronald F. Bosco, **FE's** President and CEO, described the project: “The current public safety communications system in Lincoln County is a 6 site, 5 channel, analog, VHF, simulcast system. Two channels are used for law enforcement, two for fire, and one for County Public Works. There are also two other systems in the County, one used by the Lincoln City Police Department and one used by the Toledo Police Department.”

Mr. Bosco provided more details: “The County Public Safety Communications System Plan developed by **FE** will describe the utilization of regional channels and need for additional regional frequencies. We will assess the plans for the three communications centers to deal with outages, disasters, or major events including how law enforcement should utilize simulcast frequencies for coordination of major events, or during spontaneous needs such as vehicle pursuits. This will include a Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP) for Lincoln County and coordination with outside agencies. **FE** will also identify current gaps in coverage and recommend solutions for improvement. We will document the future communications needs, including evaluating digital vs analog, and technological advances. A risk assessment will be performed to evaluate current systems, determine what will be operational after a major earthquake, and identify how first responders can communicate after an event that disrupts the system. Lastly, **FE** will recommend additional security enhancements at each site.”

Ms. Virginia Demaris, Emergency Manager for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, said: “We chose Federal Engineering based upon a thorough evaluation of the submitted proposals which included:

- ❖ Demonstrated understanding of our project.
- ❖ Thoroughness and detail of the proposal.
- ❖ Knowledge and experience of key personnel with projects of a similar scope and nature.
- ❖ Availability of key personnel and demonstrated ability to meet the proposed work schedule.
- ❖ Performance history on past projects for clients including, but not limited to, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control, and working relationship with clients.
- ❖ Reference responses.
- ❖ Ability to perform the services being considered.

We determined **FE's** proposal best met the needs of the County for this project.”

Federal Engineering is the leading, nationwide firm providing analysis, design, procurement, and implementation support for public safety and public service communications. **FE** provides consulting services 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 for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. Since 1983, **FE** has completed thousands of projects for 46 state governments, as well as numerous local and federal government clients.

Federal Engineering, Inc., recently added the L.R. Kimball public safety communications consulting practice to the firm. **FE** now offers the services of a worldwide leader in public safety answering point (PSAP) consulting. With **FE/Kimball**, jurisdictions can rely upon one firm for virtually all of their consulting needs in E9-1-1, NG9-1-1, PSAPs, Emergency Call Centers, and Emergency Operations Centers as well as land mobile radio voice, wireless data, broadband, backhaul, and emerging LTE mobile communications systems.

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