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NG911 Contract Awarded to Federal Engineering By the State of Utah

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, June 4, 2018 — The State of Utah has awarded Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) a contract to support the Utah Communication Authority as they move toward Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911).

Mr. David Edmunds, the Authority's Executive Director, stated: “The Authority is an independent state agency charged with providing and maintaining a public safety communications network on a statewide basis for the benefit and use of local, state, and federal agencies, promulgating best practices for the handling of 911 calls, and financially supporting those PSAPs that comply with these best practices. Utah's current 911 system was initially developed using wireline technology that cannot support the transmission of text messages, pictures, and video. The Authority is migrating to NG911 to meet these and other emerging needs of our constituents.”

Mr. Quinton Stephens, General Counsel and Deputy Director for the Authority, said: “The Authority requires assistance in the development of an RFP to secure a vendor(s) to provide and install an i3 compliant ESInet, as well as a vendor(s) to provide and install an i3 compliant hosted CPE solution that includes a 911 telephone network. Via a competitive procurement process, the Authority sought assistance from a known firm in the industry for the whole of this project, from the creation of the RFP through the execution of a contract or contracts with the selected vendor(s), and everything in between. Federal Engineering's proposal clearly demonstrated they were the superior choice. Not only do they have the required background, their proposed approach is exactly what we were asking for.”

Mr. Ronald F. Bosco, **FE's** President and CEO, explained: “The State of Utah requires rigorous skills and experience. Their RFP stated the consulting firm must have:

- Extensive knowledge, experience, and understanding of NG911 systems (ESInet, 911 telephone networks, and CPE hosted solutions), design, engineering, implementation, and installation
- Highly educated and experienced staff with current i3 systems, i3 system features, i3 end user equipment, compatibility issues, and non i3 systems like RFAI
- Experience with the planning, installation, and migration associated with upgrading to an i3 compliant system, as well as experience with hosted CPE's solutions
- The methodologies to learn and become extremely familiar with the existing 911 system within Utah and the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and Dispatch Centers across the State in order to best assist the Authority with a plan for an ESInet upgrade, a 911 telephone network, and a CPE hosted solution, and to prepare a request for proposals for the upgrade
- The skills to assist the Authority with any contractual or technical decisions and discussions with the awarded NG9-1-1 System Network Provider
- Experience with successfully preparing and presenting similar, or closely related, requests for proposals on a state-wide or multi county scale
- The ability and willingness to assist in answering questions from potential vendors during the RFP process along with an ability and willingness to provide competent and valuable advice and consultation to the Authority and its selection committee during the RFP process
- The size and capabilities to meet the States analysis, design, procurement, and implementation schedules

Federal Engineering is pleased that we can meet all of these requirements and look forward to, once again, serving the citizens of Utah.”

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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