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Erie County Selects Federal Engineering for Interoperable Communications Consulting

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, January 14, 2013 — Erie County, NY has selected Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) to provide consulting services regarding Interoperable Communications for the Erie County Department of Emergency Services.

Ronald F. Bosco, Federal Engineering's President provided an overview of the project, "**FE** will provide a multitude of services under this contract including:

- Evaluate the current Erie County Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) plan, existing radio and system deployments, and channel assignments, and make required updates using the Communications Asset Survey and Mapping (CASM) tool.
- Develop and conduct a live classroom train-the-trainer program for proper usage of the County interoperable communication assets and channels based on the updated County TIC plan.
- Develop and present a live classroom program to assist County and local governments and agencies with compliance with the FCC 2013 narrowbanding mandate.
- Generate lifecycle cost projections for compliance submissions to the various state and federal grant programs that have funded both infrastructure and subscriber units.

Federal Engineering will also be available to provide additional technical assistance as this program evolves."

Mr. Gerard J. Whittington Jr., Public Safety Incident Response Monitor for the County stated: "Erie County reached out to industry via a competitive procurement to find the right consulting firm for this important project. Federal Engineering submitted the best proposal. They demonstrated an in-depth understanding of our unique needs having completed similar programs for the New York counties of Chautauqua, Cortland, Essex, Lewis, Monroe, and Onondaga as well as the City of Albany and the State of New York."

Federal Engineering provides a wide range of design and management services in public safety and public service involving LTE as well as traditional VHF, UHF, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz and 4.9GHz mobile radio systems. **FE** also assists in the design and implementation of E911, PSAPs, ECCs, and EOCs.

As a nationwide communications systems planning and design firm, Federal Engineering develops voice, data, and video networks for numerous firms including utilities, transportation, aerospace, energy, finance, education, publishing, and computer services. In addition to its private sector work, **FE** has completed over a thousand communications projects for 40 state governments, as well as numerous local and federal government clients. **FE's** certified independence ensures that clients receive objective, unbiased consulting services that are not influenced by any particular technology, product, vendor, or approach.