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## **Gainesville Regional Utilities Extends Federal Engineering Contract To Support Radio System Implementation**

**FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA**, January 8, 2018 — GRUCom, the telecommunications division of Gainesville Regional Utilities in Gainesville, Florida has extended the Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) contract to provide technical support during the upgrade of its current radio communications system to an interoperable P25 system. GRUCom Wireless Services provides portable and mobile radio coverage to public safety agencies and Governmental entities throughout Alachua County. The GRUCom public safety radio system began operation in 2000.

"Federal Engineering personnel have been providing radio technical consulting to GRUCom for over 10 years," said Mr. Lewis Walton Chief Business Services Officer for GRU. "They have done an outstanding job helping us to develop a plan to upgrade our existing legacy system and assisting with contract negotiations with the radio equipment vendor. We consider them a valued partner and look forward to working with **FE** during the implementation phase of this important project."

Mr. Brad Barber, Director at **FE** provided a brief overview of the project: "We will provide a wide range of services to GRUCom to deliver a successful radio system upgrade including:

- Overall project management
- Detailed review of the radio system vendor's design
- Assessment of the delivered equipment for contract compliance
- Staging inspections and testing
- Subscriber radio template guidance
- Coverage testing review
- System optimization assessment
- Delivered documentation review
- Cutover support guidance
- Final system acceptance testing

Because of our many years of experience with GRUCom, and our multiple projects in Florida, we understand the unique needs of GRUCom and what it will take to implement a successful radio system upgrade."

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.

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