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Onondaga County, NY Awards Federal Engineering Contract for Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan Consulting Services

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, February 5, 2010 — Onondaga County, New York, on behalf of the Syracuse area UASI region, has awarded Federal Engineering (**FE**) a contract to provide a Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP), develop and administer a table top exercise, and coordinate a full scale exercise among first responders in the five counties.

"The Syracuse area UASI region is comprised of the City of Syracuse and the counties of Madison, Onondaga and Oswego," according to Mr. John M. Balloni, Commissioner of the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Communications. This region has a number of critical infrastructure features including major waterways, nuclear power plants, chemical plants, military installations, interstate highway systems and several major universities and hospitals. To solve interoperability related issues among first responders, the five counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego have formed the Central New York Interoperable Communications Consortium (CNYICC). This consortium has been endorsed by the respective five county legislative bodies."

Ronald F. Bosco, Federal Engineering's President described the project: "All of these counties operate emergency 911 centers each with their own set of frequencies and a formal governance structure to promote interoperability currently does not exist. This project represents efforts by the five county regional consortium to provide improved interoperable communications and lay the ground work for future funding. The challenge will be to provide a unified plan since the participating counties do not have a common set of frequencies that will allow responders to communicate effectively with each other during emergencies. Federal Engineering will develop a comprehensive TICP, identify gaps, establish governance, and assess emergency responder skills and capabilities through training and exercises."

Federal Engineering provides a wide range of design and management services in public safety involving VHF, UHF, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz and 4.9GHz communications systems. **FE** also assists in the design and implementation of PSAPs, ECCs, and EOCs.

As a nationwide communications systems planning and design firm, Federal Engineering develops voice, data, and video networks for a wide range of end users, including organizations in the aerospace, energy, finance, education, publishing, and computer services fields. In addition to its private sector work, **FE** has completed hundreds of communications projects for 30 state governments, as well as numerous local and federal government clients.