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Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: WISCOM Extended Implementation Plan FRN: 0002689628

## Dear Sir or Madam:

The State of Wisconsin, through the Statewide System Management Group, is in the process of implementing a statewide Project 25 digital trunked radio system known as WISCOM (Wisconsin Interoperability System for Communications). The system will initially provide statewide mobile coverage on VHF frequencies, with 700/800 MHz coverage in some areas in the future. The system will be available for interoperability communications for all public safety agencies and day-to-day communications for those agencies that choose to migrate to the system.

Due to the size, complexity, and budgeting for this statewide system, a five (5) year extended implementation period is being requested, pursuant to 47CFR§90.155 and 47CFR§90.629.

**Funding Planning** 

\$14 million funding provided through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant program

- \$3 million funding provided through in-kind match funding from the Wisconsin State Patrol
- \$1 million funding provided through 2006-2008 Homeland Security grant funds

Expected Implementation Schedule

Release Request for Proposal (RFP) for purchase of a trunked radio system
Sign contract for system implementation
System implementation commences
50 trunked radio sites on the air
5 additional trunked radio sites on the air
10 additional trunked radio sites on the air
5 additional trunked radio sites on the air

Mobile and portable radios will be implemented on the system as tower sites are installed and turned up. Over 15,000 mobile and portable radios that are compatible with the system have been fielded over the last several years through homeland security grant programs.

Please contact me at <u>carl.guse@dot.wi.gov</u> or 608-266-2497 with any questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration,

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