



**Office of Emergency Management
& Homeland Security**

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Director

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To: Michael Murphy, Chairperson
Finance & Personnel Committee

From: Steven Fronk, Director
Emergency Management & Homeland Security

RE: SE Wisconsin Regional Coordinator Position
Statewide Communication Interoperability Program (SCIP)

I would respectfully request that the Finance and Personnel Committee approve the use of \$53,333 in grant funds from the Office of Justice Assistance to retain the services of independent contractor Eugene Oldenburg as SE Wisconsin Regional Coordinator for the Statewide Communication Interoperability Program (SCIP). Grant guidance specifically designates that these funds be utilized to retain a contractor to create and oversee a regional emergency communications council. They cannot be utilized for any other purpose.

I believe that Eugene Oldenburg, in addition to being highly qualified, is the only available person who can meet the current demands of the position and existing grant deadlines for deliverables. Among Eugene Oldenburg's unique qualifications and experiences are:

- Graduate, FBI National Academy
- Police Chief, West Milwaukee, 1992-2009
- President, Milwaukee County Law Enforcement Executive Association (MCLEEA) 1996
- Negotiation of suburban access to county 800 MHz trunk system
- Drafting of first Milwaukee County inter-agency communications guidelines
- Drafting of standardized radio talk group guidelines for MCLEEA
- Drafting of Wireless E911 PSAP Response Policy adopted by MCLEEA
- Formation of Suburban Mutual Assistance Response Team (SMART)
- Project manager for purchase and installation of telephone and Positron 911 PSAP
- Drafting of model policy re: non-lethal force adopted by several area jurisdictions

Since taking on the task of serving as the Southeast Wisconsin SCIP Coordinator in March 2010 Eugene Oldenburg has:

- Established an excellent, mutually beneficial working relationship with the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA), local public safety agencies and elected officials
- Conducted numerous meetings with individuals and groups to explain the requirements and benefits of the statewide communications interoperability program
- Fostered and encouraged dialog between disciplines and jurisdictions in an eight county area in order to establish common public safety communications priorities
- Assisted in creation of a regional governance council to insure that all public safety agencies in SE Wisconsin have the ability to communicate seamlessly when necessary
- Met all grant-related deliverables on a timely basis, assisted with emergency communications during activation of the City EOC and offered assistance over and above grant compensated hours when circumstances required

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. I am available to answer any questions you may have concerning the SCIP grant requirements and/or Eugene Oldenburg's qualifications. Please feel free to contact me at 286-5062 or steve.fronk@milwaukee.gov.