



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
ACQUISITION AND GRANTS OFFICE

August 9, 2013

Patrick Mallon, Executive Director  
Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority  
2525 Corporate Pl.  
Monterey Park, CA 91754-7672

Re: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)  
Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS)  
(Grant Award # NT10BIX5570158)  
Lift of Partial Suspension of Long Term Evolution (LTE) Activities and Extension of the  
Award Period to September 30, 2015

Dear Mr. Mallon:

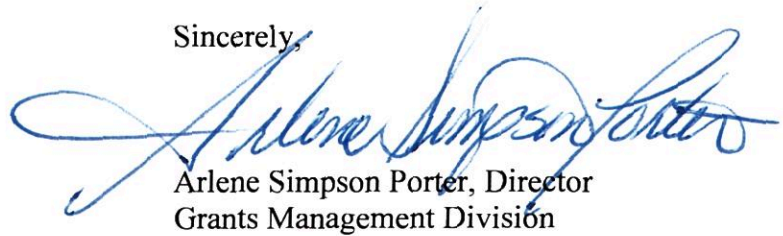
I am writing to inform you that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has recommended and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Grants Office has agreed to lift the partial suspension of the LA-RICS BTOP award, which will allow LA-RICS to resume work on Long Term Evolution (LTE)-related project activities. NTIA has also recommended and NOAA has agreed to extend the project performance period for the LA-RICS BTOP award to September 30, 2015 to allow LA-RICS to complete the project. NTIA and NOAA look forward to working with you to serve public safety users.

To ensure prudent use of federal funds, the Grants Office has added a Spectrum Access Special Award Condition (SAC) to LA-RICS's award. This SAC acknowledges that LA-RICS has signed a Spectrum Manager Lease Agreement with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) that authorizes it to utilize the 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum necessary for deployment and operation of the grant-funded network. Furthermore, the SAC requires that the lease agreement with FirstNet for the spectrum related to the project must remain in effect throughout the award term, and LA-RICS must not be in default under the terms of that agreement.

To date, LA-RICS has drawn down only two percent of its award funds due to the partial suspension, procurement challenges, and limitations on its ability to spend award funds during the environmental and historic preservation review process. Consequently, NTIA and NOAA have had insufficient opportunity to observe LA-RICS's management of federal funding to allow a change from agency review status at this time. Therefore, the LA-RICS award will remain on agency review status. After one year, LA-RICS may submit a request for NTIA and the NOAA Grants Office to re-evaluate whether reimbursement-only status remains reasonably necessary for oversight of the award.

Please contact your Federal Program Officer Mr. Lance Johnson at 202-482-5032 or [ljohnson@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:ljohnson@ntia.doc.gov) , or your Grants Specialist Ms. Andrea Mack at 301-628-1312 or [andrea.mack@noaa.gov](mailto:andrea.mack@noaa.gov), if you have any questions or require any additional clarification. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Arlene Simpson Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A".

Arlene Simpson Porter, Director  
Grants Management Division

cc: Anthony G. Wilhelm, Ph.D.  
Laura Pettus  
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Andrea Mack