



## FY16 PSAP GRANT GUIDELINES CHANGES SNAPSHOT

The following are highlights of proposed changes to the PSAP Grant Guidelines for the upcoming grant cycle.

- The Consolidations definition and references were updated to clearly identify that Consolidations under the PSAP Grant Program means the physical combining of two or more primary PSAP into a single primary PSAP.
  - Once a physical consolidation award has been approved, the PSAPs named in the grant award are ineligible to receive another physical consolidation grant award.
  - Once a physical consolidation grant has been awarded, the PSAPs can only apply for grant funds as an individual PSAP.
  - The funding level for the secondary consolidation is contingent upon when additional PSAPs join the initial physical consolidation. If the PSAPs join before the initial physical consolidation is complete, the maximum award possible is \$150,000. If the PSAPs join after the initial physical consolidation is complete, funding will be commensurate with a shared services project.
  - Grant award amounts were established for a secondary physical consolidation as follows:
    - \$350,000 for a secondary physical consolidation of an already consolidated PSAP and an additional PSAP
    - \$500,000 for a secondary physical consolidation of an already consolidated PSAP and two or more additional PSAPs.
- The Shared Services grant type was added with a definition and reference section. A Shared Services project is one in which the provisioning and use of 9-1-1 equipment and/or services occur between two or more PSAPs in order to “share” the funding and resourcing of the 9-1-1 equipment and/or services used to process 9-1-1 calls. Shared Services projects are limited to projects from the Continuity and Consolidation Program (Priorities 1 through 6). The purchase of hardware and software is included.

# SNAPSHOT OF PROPOSED FY16 PSAP GRANT GUIDELINES CHANGES

- Grant awards amounts were established for Shared Services as follows:
  - \$350,000 for a shared services project involving two PSAPs
  - \$500,000 for a shared services project involving three or more PSAPs
- The Regional Initiative definition and reference section were updated by limiting the priorities that can be considered by multiple primary PSAPs for a Regional Initiative to Continuity and Consolidation Priorities 7 – 17 and the Enhancement program priorities. (NOTE: This was as a result of the inclusion of a Shared Services grant type.)
  - Regional Initiative grant award amounts were decreased as follows:
    - \$200,000 for a regional initiative involving two primary PSAPs
    - \$225,000 for a regional initiative involving three primary PSAPs
    - \$250,000 for a regional initiative involving four primary PSAPs
    - \$275,000 for a regional initiative involving five or more primary PSAPs
- A primary PSAP may not participate in a shared services and a regional initiative in the same application cycle. However, a primary PSAP may participate in an individual and a shared services OR a regional initiative.
- A grant award amendment section was added. Once a grant award has been approved by the Board, no changes can be made to that award, unless approved by the Board. If after receipt of a grant award a PSAP determines that an unforeseen allowable cost item was not included in the original application, and can demonstrate that all reasonable efforts were taken into account in determining the total allowable costs included in the application, then a PSAP may submit a written request to the Board for an award amendment to include the additional cost.
- When considering the total allowable cost of a project, it is permissible to include a financial contingency (up to 10%) to help offset unanticipated expenses or price increases. Ten percent is typically a reasonable contingency amount for project costs.
- The WEP section was updated to allow vendor training without the need for a waiver during application.
- The WEP section was updated to allow funding of required training course material.