



APCO-AFC Awards Training Contract to Televate, LLC & LEGTSS to Support RPC 800 MHz Spectrum Planning

McLean, VA - February 3, 2009 - The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International Automatic Frequency Coordination, Inc. (AFC) has awarded Televate, LLC, a leading public safety communications consulting company, in partnership with LeGrande Technical and Social Services (LEGTSS), a training services contract to develop and present comprehensive instructional workshops to the nation's Regional Planning Committees (RPC) in support of changes to each region's 800 MHz general spectrum use plan.

As a result of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) 800-MHz spectrum rebanding mandate, issued in 2004 to reshuffle spectrum assignments to reduce public safety channel interference from commercial operators, each RPC is expected to file an updated general spectrum use plan detailing their region's new spectrum assignments and National Public Safety Planning Advisory Committee (NPSPAC) licensees. The workshops are designed to support national RPC requirements to update and submit their individual 800 MHz general use plans to the FCC if directed.

APCO-AFC will provide two two-day workshops led by Televate and LEGTSS to guide RPCs on how to include NPSPAC spectrum configurations into their individual 800-MHz plan. The primary objective of these workshops is to help RPC members understand the impact of the spectrum restructuring on regional interoperability and how to safeguard their operations during the transition.

In addition, these workshops will provide guidance on RPC regulatory obligations to upgrade their 800-MHz plans based on the rebanded NPSPAC spectrum.

"Fundamentally, we want to provide the RPCs with a forum to share insight, advice and lessons learned with one another and provide them with tools and resources to implement strategies that will support radio channel management and coordination," said Rick Burke, managing partner, Televate.

In addition to reviewing all critical requirements and contents of the 800-MHz plan, the workshops will also address APCO's established vision on broadband wireless, detailed briefings on the current 700 MHz FCC regulatory status, and the critical steps public safety must take to prepare for wireless broadband data use.

"It is also important that we guide the workshop participants through the history, current status and overall benefits of broadband wireless so they gain a greater understanding of how broadband wireless communications fits into their communications future," said Robert LeGrande, chief executive officer, LEGTSS.

"Each Regional Planning Committee will need to understand the necessary steps involved in rebanding and become familiar with the technologies that will drive public safety communications to greater reliability and interoperability," said Farokh Latif, director, AFC, Inc., "We are relying on Televate's and LEGTSS' extensive experience and insight within the 800-MHz rebanding program, as well as their wireless broadband leadership, to ensure each RPC is well equipped to architect plans that will achieve their communications goals."

About Televate LLC

Televate LLC is a leading provider of innovative public safety communications and information technology (IT) solutions and programs supporting local, state and federal government initiatives. Headquartered in McLean, VA, Televate pioneers comprehensive system engineering and program management for interoperable Land Mobile Radio systems, 800 MHz rebanding, broadband wireless data networks, as well as mobile and fixed data application deployments.

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About LEGTSS

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