



*The District of Columbia's
Office of Unified Communications
Awards Statewide Interoperability Plan
Development to Televate, LLC*

WASHINGTON, DC - 7 August 2007 - Televate (www.televate.com) was awarded a sub-contract to develop a Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) for the District of Columbia, as required by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in order to qualify for the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Office for Interoperability and Compatibility's (OIC) SAFECOM program, has mandated all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and US territories to develop and adopt a statewide communications interoperability plan by the end of 2007. Televate will assist the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) and the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) in developing the District of Columbia's state interoperability plan according to the DHS criteria. The District of Columbia, and the National Capital Region, with the support of various firms including Televate, has already received high marks on its Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan (TICP) from the DHS. The District's SCIP will build upon this foundation TICP effort.

Televate will assist the District's OCTO and OUC in assembling all of the DHS requirements and criteria outlined by SAFECOM, and develop requirements for participating emergency responder and governmental agencies for a statewide interoperability plan. Televate's experience in voice and data interoperability and in designing, deploying and managing large, multi-jurisdictional public safety communication networks enables them to effectively create a plan that fully complies with DHS requirements.

Televate, in partnership with the District will develop the interoperability governance structure, ensuring representation of all emergency response agencies included in the District of Columbia and from the federal, state and local jurisdictions with which the District must maintain interoperability. Televate will also conduct an analysis of the District's current capabilities, performing gap analysis, ensuring a complete assessment of current technologies deployed, verifying intra-agency and inter-disciplinary agreements, requirements and standard operating procedures, and refining existing training and exercise plans where appropriate.

The District currently has designed and maintains advanced interoperability within the District and within the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region and with its Federal partners. The creation of a comprehensive interoperability plan will strengthen the foundation for the continued advancement of the District and region's shared vision of seamless first responder interoperability.

"We are proud to be part of this new era for public safety communications", said Rick Burke, Managing Partner, Televate, LLC. "Realizing and responding to the urgent need for truly interoperable networks is key to our nation's security. Our partnership with the District of Columbia and the National Capital Region enables us to effectively support

the District by enhancing the current interoperability plan and in implementing the DHS standardized interoperable communications plan.”

Televate continues to work closely with the District of Columbia designing, deploying and implementing advanced public safety interoperable voice and data communications and mobile radio networks.

Televate, LLC is a privately held engineering and IT consulting company focused on public safety communications solutions. Televate is leading the advancement of first responder interoperability and improving emergency communications by providing advanced wireless and data interoperable solutions to public safety agencies throughout the United States.

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