To: **Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

From: **Barry Fraser, Interim General Manager**

Date: **November 8, 2012**

Re: **Item 11: Report from the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communications System Joint Powers Authority (BayRICS Authority)**

Recommendations:

Receive and File Report

Action or Discussion Items:

Report from the Interim General Manager of the BayRICS Authority on the activities and progress of the BayRICS Authority for the month of October 2012.

Discussion/Description:

BayRICS Authority activities in a number of key areas are described below.

1. Administration

The BayRICS Authority Board of Directors held its regular meeting on November 1, 2012. Anticipated action items at that meeting include approval of BayLoop Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement; reports on T-Band spectrum givebacks mandated in H.R. 3630; the hiring of a permanent general manager; and selection of a new BayRICS Secretary. A new Secretary must be named because former BayRICS Secretary Deputy Dave Kozicki has transferred to a new position with the Alameda County Sheriff.

Financial Audit: All FY 2011-2012 year-end closing tasks have been completed and an accountant has been retained to prepare an annual audit, as specified in Section 3.03 of the BayRICS Joint Powers Authority Agreement. Staff will provide copies of the audit to the Approval Authority when completed.

2. Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) 2013 Funding Requests

Staff has submitted three requests for funding to Bay Area UASI for the 2013 grant cycle. These requests include:

Item	Description	Duration	Cost
1	BayLoop Maintenance and Network Monitoring	Jan. - Dec. 2014	$240,000
2	BayRICS Regional Technical Consultant	Ongoing, as-needed services as determined in consultation with Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	$100,000
3	Supplement any State/Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)	July 2013- Dec. 2014 - Additional Funding for FirstNet Integration Planning for BAUASI Region	$100,000
	TOTAL		$440,000

These funding requests were discussed at the October 25, 2012 UASI Advisory Committee meeting, but no final recommendations were made at that meeting.

3. Sites and Backhaul Status

Jurisdictions are continuing to qualify sites through the zoning approval process, where required. However, site activities have slowed somewhat, due to a lack of clarity about FirstNet's programmatic goals and scaling back of Motorola efforts in order to preserve funding. Discussions with BART, CENIC and other fiber providers have slowed for similar reasons.

Motorola has submitted a "Route Modification Request" with the NTIA on October 9, 2012. The modification is a formal request for changes to the original grant application, including (1) reducing the number of sites, (2) eliminating the public access system, (3) revising budget line items and matching requirements and (4) adding the costs of some site and infrastructure work into the grant budget. The modifications are currently under review at NTIA and Motorola is addressing questions as they arise.

4. Regional and State Planning

The State of California has announced a series of public forums with stakeholders in November and December to discuss the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, FirstNet and organizing California's governance structure to support network development in the state. Staff will participate in these activities and report on progress.

5. 700MHz Spectrum Waiver, Spectrum Act and FirstNet Update

FirstNet Board Update

Staff assisted Chair Lucia in drafting a letter to FirstNet Board Chair Samuel Ginn to request a meeting with BayRICS leadership prior to the next FirstNet Board meeting. Chairman Ginn's provided a response on October 24, 2012, stating that the FirstNet Board will be in touch with BayRICS as quickly as possible to discuss Bay Area projects. BayRICS staff has made efforts to contact other FirstNet Board members to introduce the BayRICS Authority and provide additional information if requested.

Staff is also working with the six other BTOP public safety grantees to set up meetings with FirstNet. Grantees have discussed a joint briefing to be held immediately before or after the next FirstNet Board meeting, in Washington DC. Staff has been informed that the next FirstNet meeting will likely take place on December 11 or 12, 2012. Details and confirmation of the meeting place and time are not available.

NTIA Notice of Inquiry (NOI)

Staff has drafted comments in response to the NTIA NOI on conceptual architecture model and applications development. These comments are due on November 1, 2012. In addition, BayRICS staff and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair Ahsan Baig participated in a working group to draft comments for the 21 former waiver recipients, who have renamed their group as the Early Builders Advisory Committee (EBAC).