Governance

Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Workshop	
TA Delivery Method:	In-Person Workshop or Webinar
Recommended Participants:	State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC)/Statewide Interoperability Governance Board (SIGB) Members: SWICs, State, Local, Federal, Tribal Stakeholders/Police, Fire and EMS Personnel, State 9-1-1 Administrators, FirstNet Representatives, State Information/Technology Officers

Offering Overview

The SCIP is a stakeholder-driven, multi-jurisdictional, and multi-disciplinary statewide strategic plan to enhance interoperable emergency communications. SCIPs serve as a single document for stakeholders throughout a state's communications ecosystem to prioritize resources, strengthen governance, identify future investments and address interoperability gaps. It also serves to complement other state plans such as Homeland Security or Disaster Preparedness Plans. A current SCIP (within 36 months) is a requirement of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). [1]

To gather a more thorough understanding of the state of the nation's emergency communications capabilities, CISA partnered with NCSWIC to develop 25 State/Territory Interoperability Markers as a nationwide self-assessment framework to describe interoperability maturity at the State/Territory level. In 2019, CISA conducted six Regional Workshops to collect baseline self-assessments for all 56 states and territories, which are updated on an annual basis. CISA uses this information to update SCIPs and deliver relevant technical assistance offerings to address current State/Territory needs. The state/territory Interoperability Markers serve as a tool to support NECP implementation and to help States/Territories progress towards interoperability optimization.

Customized support for this offering may look different to meet each state's unique needs. Potential design outcomes and deliverables may include:

- Draft SCIP that incorporates NGA recommendations, consideration of data gathered through the State Performance Markers baseline, and NECP goals and objectives
- Focused engagement to establish a governance body or strengthening existing governance, and building consensus
- Technology focused engagement for land mobile radio (LMR), broadband (BRBND), NG9-1-1, and Alerts and Warnings
- LMR sustainment and use of Alerts and Warnings
- Customized evaluation and action plan for implementation of the SCIP goals
- Evaluation and progress assessment of goals
- Governance
- Technology
- Funding sustainability
- Strategic goals and implementation plan
- Evaluation/progress management

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[1] Additional information regarding the HSGP is available at fema.gov/homeland-security-grant-program.