

March 7, 2012

Jennifer A. Manner
Deputy Bureau Chief
Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau, FCC
445 12th Street, SW Room 7-C738
Washington DC 20554

Re: Nomination for Membership on the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder
Interoperability

Dear Ms. Manner,

In response to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Public Notice of February 28, 2012, announcing the creation of the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability (Interoperability Board), I would like to nominate Mr. Jim Kohler to represent the State of Alaska.

Mr. Kohler is the Deputy Director of Enterprise Technology Services for the Alaska Department of Administration. He has over 30 years of experience as a change management specialist. For the past 13 years, Mr. Kohler has been directly engaged in the telecommunications, broadband, and IT management industry, including:

- Nine years assisting a private wireless carrier build-out and managing the largest wireless service in Alaska;
- Five years as the State of Alaska Project Manager for the Alaska Land Mobile Radio System (ALMR) Consortium Project, a fully interoperable public safety wireless communication system serving all federal, Department of Defense, State and local public safety responders with 90 percent coverage of Alaska's population;
- Three years as the Deputy Director of the State's Division responsible for delivering all telecommunications, broadband, and IT infrastructure services to State Agencies;
- One year supporting a working group established within the Alaska Governor's office charged with oversight of all proposed FCC National Broadband Plan implementation initiatives within the State of Alaska;
- Representing the State of Alaska CIO and Executive Branch on National Association of State CIO's (NASCIO) FCC National Broadband committees and working groups.

Mr. Kohler is not a registered federal lobbyist. Additionally, the Governor of Alaska supports this recommendation. If selected to serve on the Interoperability Board, Mr. Kohler would represent State and public sector telecommunications, broadband, IT infrastructure managers, and Public Safety Interoperable Communication Users. Mr. Kohler's complete contact information as required by the Public Notice is below:

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In closing, I want to thank you for considering Mr. Kohler for membership on the Interoperability Board.

Sincerely,



Mark Begich
United States Senator