



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and
Information Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg
Washington State Military Department
Camp Murray Building 20
Camp Murray, WA 98430-5122

Dear General Lowenberg:

I am writing in reply to the request you made on behalf of the State of Washington seeking a waiver from the Strategic Technology Reserve (STR) requirement of the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program. I am pleased to inform you that the Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information has found that the State of Washington has demonstrated that it has achieved STR capability and, thus, may use the \$1,485,490 STR set aside for other PSIC-approved projects.

The information set forth in your letters indicate that the State of Washington already a communications STR capability within the State. Washington has communication equipment available throughout the State and has the ability to move the communication equipment into position during a natural or man-made disaster. The communications resources described in your justification should allow the State to re-establish communications and interoperate among the various public safety systems if existing critical infrastructure is damaged.

I look forward to working with you on PSIC projects to improve interoperable communications in the State of Washington. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 202-482-4509.

Sincerely,

Laura M. Pettus
PSIC Program Specialist