



Maine (ME)

PSIC Federal Award: \$7,567,579

(Awarded September 30, 2007)

Summary

PSIC Investment Justification	Federal Funds
Strategic Technology Reserve (STR)	\$586,098
Communications Planning Activities	\$369,880
Maine State Communications Network (MSCommNet)	\$847,647
Communications Equipment and Operations Training and Exercise	\$1,513,516
Local Interoperability Projects	\$4,071,669
Management and Administration (M&A)	\$170,271
Statewide Planning	\$8,498
Total PSIC Award	\$7,567,579

Pass Through: The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) fulfilled the PSIC Grant Program's requirements by using a combination of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and passing through of funds. The State passed slightly under the minimum 80 percent of the funds to local or tribal government bodies or authorized nongovernmental public safety agencies. The State also entered into MOUs with the local counties, and these agreements authorize Maine to expend some of the PSIC grant funds on training and exercises on behalf of these jurisdictions.

Strategic Technology Reserve (STR): Maine allocated \$586,098 to its STR Investment.

Investments

State-level Match Amount: \$1,391,469

Strategic Technology Reserve (STR)

Federal Amount:	\$ 586,098
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 586,098



100%* Acquisition & Deployment	0% Training & Exercise	0% Planning & Coordination
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**Percentages include both Federal and non-Federal Match funds.*

Antiquated equipment, frequency issues, and Maine's geographic and topographic challenges impede the State's capability to re-establish communications in the event of a major disaster. Maine's Strategic Technology Reserve (STR) Investment standardizes the technology across each of the four existing mobile communications vehicles strategically located across the State. The Investment also upgrades the vehicles' capabilities to serve as emergency dispatch centers and links them together should a catastrophic event wipe out traditional communications across a wide area. These acquisitions are dependent on the existing interoperable communications capacities of counties and communities where the need is greatest. This Investment satisfies the program requirement to develop and implement an STR that is pre-positioned, deployable, and able to reestablish communications when critical communications equipment is damaged or destroyed.

Communications Planning Activities

Federal Amount:	\$ 369,880
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 369,880



0%* Acquisition & Deployment	0% Training & Exercise	100% Planning & Coordination
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**Percentages include both Federal and non-Federal Match funds.*

Currently, Maine has only limited ability to analyze its available interoperable communications capabilities. To address this communications gap, this Investment coordinates the inventory of communications assets using the Communication Assets Survey and Mapping (CASM) tool. The inventory will identify gaps or conflicts in the State's communications network, allowing decision makers to be better informed when preparing for subsequent projects. Specific technologies of interest that will be explored are gateway devices, mobile and portable radios, base station radios, antennas, repeaters, software patches, and data brokering systems.

Maine State Communications Network (MSCommNet)



Federal Amount:	\$ 847,647
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 847,647

100%* Acquisition & Deployment	0% Training & Exercise	0% Planning & Coordination
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**Percentages include both Federal and non-Federal Match funds.*

Maine is in the process of consolidating its State agencies' communications systems into a single interoperable voice communications system called the Maine State Communications Network (MSCommNet), which will provide for a total upgrade of the State's radio communications system. This Investment will fund an upgrade to the Maine State Police's Gray Dispatch Center, a major regional communications center, as well as provide for additional radio frequency equipment and microwave equipment. The system will also provide a gateway for all non-State users who wish to communicate using MSCommNet. This Investment will benefit public safety agencies across the State.

Communications Equipment and Operations Training and Exercise



Federal Amount:	\$ 1,513,516
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,513,516

0%* Acquisition & Deployment	100% Training & Exercise	0% Planning & Coordination
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The State of Maine determined that the best way to familiarize the State's 493 local jurisdictions with the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP), Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP), and Concept of Operations (CONOPS) protocols and lessons learned is to establish a statewide training and exercise program. This Investment will provide for the creation of a regional training and exercise program for first responders and other officials focusing on CONOPS principles, standard operating procedures (SOP), and basic equipment use. The training program will enhance current incident command communications protocols, aid interaction between different levels of first responder agencies across the State.

Local Interoperability Projects



Federal Amount:	\$ 4,071,669
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 4,071,669

100%* Acquisition & Deployment	0% Training & Exercise	0% Planning & Coordination
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Since 2004, over \$14 million has been invested in improvements to Maine's interoperable communications system. First responders across the State have varying interoperable communications needs. This Investment was used primarily to encourage a transition to Project-25 compliant equipment, to address known coverage gaps (e.g., towers, antennas, and repeaters), and to improve mobile data capabilities for first responder agencies across the State. The outcome of the local interoperability projects will be improved interoperable communications capabilities among Maine's first responder agencies.

PSIC Administration and Statewide Planning Costs

Management and Administration (M&A)

Federal Amount:	\$ 170,271
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 56,757
Total Project Cost:	\$ 227,028

The State was allowed to retain up to three percent of the total PSIC award for costs associated with the administration of the State's PSIC Investments. The M&A costs could include hiring full-time or part-time staff or contractors for grant management services related to reporting, monitoring and audit compliance, and associated travel and meeting expenses.

Statewide Planning

Federal Amount	\$ 8,498
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The State was allowed to retain up to five percent of the total PSIC award for Statewide Planning costs associated with the incorporation of the PSIC criteria into the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The Statewide Planning period of performance was April 1, 2007–December 3, 2007, with the submission of the SCIP.