



Rhode Island (RI)

PSIC Federal Award: \$7,365,694

(Awarded September 30, 2007)

Summary

PSIC Investment Justification	Federal Funds
Strategic Technology Reserve (STR)	\$565,750
Infrastructure	\$1,500,000
Subscriber Units (Local)	\$3,959,700
Subscriber Units (State Agencies)	\$360,274
Providence Channel Build-Out	\$615,000
Management and Administration (M&A)	\$220,970
Statewide Planning	\$144,000
Total PSIC Award	\$7,365,694

Pass Through: The State of Rhode Island fulfilled the PSIC Grant Program requirement by passing through a minimum of 80 percent of the total award amount to local or tribal government bodies or authorized nongovernmental public safety agencies.

Strategic Technology Reserve (STR): Rhode Island allocated \$565,750 to its STR Investment.

Investments

State-level Match Amount: \$1,822,381

Strategic Technology Reserve (STR)

Federal Amount:	\$ 565,750
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 565,750



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

Rhode Island does not currently have a Strategic Technology Reserve (STR) solution for the State. This Investment will provide for the purchase of portable towers, repeaters, and cache of radios to increase interoperability throughout the State and supplement the current Rhode Island State Communications Network (RISCON) system. The Investment will enable an efficient deployment of additional radios to an incident or major event to achieve interoperability with responding agencies that operate outside the RISCON system. 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.

Infrastructure

Federal Amount:	\$ 1,500,000
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 1,500,000



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

The northern area of the State currently lacks radio coverage. This Investment will continue the build-out of RISCON, a Project 25 (P25) 700 megahertz (MHz) trunked radio system in those areas of the State where coverage and talk-back capability are limited or unavailable. The infrastructure, including the installation of two additional sites and the interconnection, will allow Rhode Island to increase its capability and achieve public safety communications system coverage across approximately 90 percent of the State.

Subscriber Units (Local)



Federal Amount:	\$ 3,959,700
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 3,959,700

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

As Rhode Island continues the development of the communications infrastructure, the critical task is to provide first responders with access to the RISCO system. The Investment will provide for the installation of a portable P25 radio with a mounted drop-charger in every front-line response vehicle in the State. The Investment will create interoperable access to on-scene responders and will benefit public safety agencies statewide.

Subscriber Units (State Agencies)



Federal Amount:	\$ 360,274
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 360,274

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

This Investment will provide for the acquisition of subscriber units for Rhode Island's State agencies, including law enforcement, public health and environmental management agencies, during emergency or mutual-aid situations on a regular basis. It is critical that these State and local agencies be able to communicate to provide for effective emergency response.

Providence Channel Build-Out



Federal Amount:	\$ 615,000
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 109,260
Total Project Cost:	\$ 724,260

100%* Acquisition & Deployment	0% Training & Exercise	0% Planning & Coordination
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The City of Providence is currently operating on eight channels on a statewide 800 MHz digital trunked radio system. The statewide communications working group determined that additional channels are needed on the City of Providence's common radio system in order for all first responders to operate efficiently in day-to-day operations and during a disaster. As such, this Investment will add four channels to the current system, adding capacity and facilitating interoperable communications during natural and man-made disasters.

PSIC Administration and Statewide Planning Costs

Management and Administration (M&A)

Federal Amount:	\$ 220,970
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 44,194
Total Project Cost:	\$ 265,164

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	\$ 144,000
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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.
