Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration Request for Information on Development of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

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2b	DOT/NHTSA/OEMS	It is strongly recommended that representatives of 911 services and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) both serve on the governmental body coordinating implementation of grant funds. It is imperative that information be seamlessly transferred from caller to 911 and on to emergency responders. Including representatives of 911 services and EMS ensures that these considerations are addressed by each State applying for grant funds.
2d	DOT/NHTSA/OEMS	The State/Local Implementation grant program can ensure that all public safety disciplines (e.g., State EMS Office, State 911 Coordinator) have input by requiring documentation of how the project plan will address their specific needs as part of the State consultation process. The end users of the public safety broadband network (i.e., EMS) can best determine what data will improve their performance, and these data will necessarily be transferred to the broadband network via the 911 system. Without input from State EMS and 911 representatives, the system built with grant funds will not achieve seamless information transfer or interoperability.