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Dear Dorothy Spears-Dean,

In July 2011 the E-911 Services Board authorized the County of York to utilize \$250,000 of the federal Enhancement 9-1-1 Grant and an additional \$250,000 was provided from VITA as the required match to fund a NG9-1-1 pilot program. This funding is a cost recovery grant.

The County of York worked closely with TeleCommunications Systems, Inc. (TCS) and Motorola Solutions to design and deploy the NG9-1-1 pilot program in two stages. Stage one was successfully deployed in December 2012 for wireless text to 9-1-1 for the Counties of York and James City. An amount of \$124,000 was drawn down in September 2013.

The NG9-1-1 pilot project was unable to progress with the second stage because TCS was involved with pending litigations of patent infringement by Cassidian that was finally resolved in 2014. The NG9-1-1 pilot project was again delayed indefinitely when TCS was purchased by Comtech. Recently the County of York was notified by the project manager Danny McGinnis that the direction has changed with the NG9-1-1 pilot program and Comtech must requote the project. Comtech will not honor the original agreement for the pilot program.

We are currently looking at alternate vendors that will support the scope of the project. Alternate vendors are being considered and we expect to have resolution and direction within six months.

The County of York is appreciative of the patience and understanding the E-911 Services Board has provided during this endeavor.

Regards,



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