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TO ALL GOVERNORS:

On behalf of the NGA Center for Best Practices, we invite you to send a team of five individuals from your state to the **Statewide Planning Workshop for Public Safety Communications Interoperability**. The Workshop will be held **March 21-23, 2007 in Los Angeles, CA**. The NGA Center will reimburse travel expenses for up to five team members.

The purpose of the Workshop is to provide guidance to states on developing and adopting a statewide emergency response communications interoperability plan. Under the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program, each state is required by December 31, 2007 to submit such a plan to the Department of Homeland Security.

To begin the application process, please identify one individual from your state to serve as team leader and ask them to complete the attached application form. Once you have selected the team leader, he or she will then identify the team members who represent the following areas:

- A designee from the state's interoperability oversight body.
- A local level government representative.
- A representative of an urban area funded under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), or, if none, a representative of a metropolitan area.
- An owner/operator of interoperable communications systems.

Applications for the Workshop are due by **5:00pm EST on January 26, 2007**. In addition, the Center will hold a conference call for the team leaders on February 7, 2007 at 2:00pm EST.

The Workshop is being held in partnership with the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council and SAFECOM, a program of the Department of Homeland Security.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Lee at elee@nga.org or at (202) 624-5392.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Application Form: Contact Information for the Statewide Team
Statewide Planning Criteria