



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

Mr. Peter Collins
City of Austin
1006 Smith Road
Austin, Texas 78721

Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of Governor Perry, I would like to thank you and the other members of the Texas Radio Coalition for agreeing to assume the vital role of updating the State of Texas Radio Interoperability Plan.

In February 2007, Texas achieved a key milestone as a result of local leaders throughout the State working with the 24 councils of government to obtain, at a minimum, Level 4 interoperability. Through the regional exercise program we will test each region to ensure "disaster response interoperability" has been achieved both technically and through doctrine.

The challenge now is to move the State towards the highest level of radio interoperability in an efficient and effective manner. This requires new objectives and a high level roadmap to achieve the new objectives. The Texas Radio Coalition is ideally suited to produce the State plan because of the expertise and dedication of its members.

I look forward to working with you and the members of the Coalition on this critical task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SC McCraw". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Steve McCraw
Homeland Security Director

cc: ~~Mike~~ Mike Simpson, City of Austin
Jack Colley, Governor's Division of Emergency Management
Penny Redington, Texas Association of Regional Councils