



## Jefferson County Emergency Communications Center

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Jefferson County Emergency Communications is requesting an extension of 180 days for construction on license WQFW516. Jefferson County expects to have the site fully constructed and operational within the requested extension period.

Jefferson County has overcome numerous issues with the coordination of the site. A leased site, Jefferson County has collaborated with the State of West Virginia, federal Homeland Security agencies, land and tower owners, radio equipment vendors, and other County agencies in West Virginia to deploy this UHF system onto the West Virginia Interoperable Radio Project. This interoperable radio system is critical to the state and to national homeland security interests in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, Northern Virginia, and the Washington D.C. National Capital Region. The equipment is being deployed at an existing tower site where the County leases space.

Since licensing of WQFW516, the County has been diligently working with the primary vendor and WVIRP decision-makers to plan deployment of necessary components. The County is currently in the equipment procurement phase and the radio equipment, antenna, shelter, and other components are ordered, with delivery of several components slated for September 2007. The County has expended in excess of \$1.3 million to purchase components of the system.

Road access to the site was an issue and the primary access road to the site is in extremely poor condition. The County is working with the tower site owner to improve the roadway in order that vehicular traffic can access the tower. It is expected that the roadway improvements will not be complete until late September 2007. An alternative access road traverses U.S. National Park Service property and the County has been working with the National Park Service in order to move components of the system across National Park Service property. Because of the tower access issues, Jefferson County was required to delay movement of equipment to the tower site from July 2007 to September 2007. It is expected that once all components are delivered in the September, October time period, the site could become operational within a 90-day period. Since weather is a factor in construction, Jefferson County is requesting an extension of 180 days due to potential weather delays or other unforeseen circumstances such as road construction difficulties and access difficulties.

Sincerely,

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