

November 1, 2011

Dear County 9-1-1 Coordinator,

Information about a grant opportunity for your county's 9-1-1 GIS program has been posted at: www.michigan.gov/911GISGrant. If you haven't had the chance to attend one of the sessions that have been hosted by the State 9-1-1 Office on the ENHANCE 911 ACT grant project, please visit the following links for an introduction to the project:

www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/9-1-1_GIS_Grant_CWW_July22_2011_362548_7.pdf

www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/MCDA_366680_7.pdf

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The State 9-1-1 Office has received a grant to build a GIS data repository to enable participating PSAPs to share their GIS data with each other. This integrated GIS data repository will be a system to provide the replication capabilities for PSAPs to provide GIS 9-1-1 datasets into the repository. It will include architecture that will integrate the datasets statewide and also receive data updates on a regular basis. The system will allow secure web-based access to synchronized 9-1-1 GIS data for participating PSAPs, and will also serve as the database repository to provide integrated 9-1-1 GIS datasets for call routing when Michigan moves forward into Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1).

The project plan is to develop and implement a synchronized GIS database for access and use by all the PSAPs in the state. The project will connect all of the PSAPs that maintain their 9-1-1 GIS data to a system architecture that allows data to be pushed up to an integrated map. Developing a complete and seamless statewide PSAP boundary GIS layer and road centerline GIS layer will provide the minimum data layers necessary for call routing in a NG9-1-1 environment. The system will also provide a secure web interface for PSAPs, or supporting County GIS staff, to edit GIS data on-line if they choose, due to lack of GIS software.

The State 9-1-1 Committee, the Michigan Chapter of APCO, and the Michigan Communication Directors Association (MCDA) support this project.

This grant application program will allow your county to apply for up to \$50,000 to assist your county in making any necessary data improvements to your road centerline GIS layer as required by the grant received by the State 9-1-1 Office. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that serves as the advisory group will be making assessments of all grants and providing notice of award as outlined in the grant guidelines. The complete instructions are located at: www.michigan.gov/911GISGrant and includes:

- * GIS Grant Guidelines
- * Grant Application Form (GIS TAC-700)
- * Template Letter of Interest
- * Template Memorandum of Agreement

The documents can be downloaded, completed, and returned electronically. Please go over all of the documents carefully. The project is on a tight timeline, so adherence to the deadlines in the application will be followed. A Webinar to review the application process and answer questions will be held on Tuesday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m. Details to access the webinar will be posted on the 911GISGrant web site in the next few days.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Harriet Miller-Brown,
State 9-1-1 Administrator