



# Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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## **Policy Statement supporting government control of Iowa Public Safety and Public Service communications on interoperable frequencies or channels for all voice radio communications equipment, land mobile radio (LMR) systems, or data sharing systems.**

WHEREAS: The Iowa statewide interoperability communications system board (ISICSB) is established in Code of Iowa sections 80.28 and 80.29. ISICSB is charged to develop, implement and oversee policy, operations, and fiscal components of communications interoperability efforts at the state and local levels, and to coordinate similar efforts at the federal level, with the objective of overseeing operation of statewide integrated public safety systems, and establish, monitor, and maintain appropriate policies and protocols, expand, maintain and fund stakeholder education, public education, and official education programs to demonstrate value of short-term communications interoperability solutions, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB supports federal and state law or regulations allowing government control and access for public safety, and public service, interoperability on interoperable frequencies and channels, using interoperable equipment on land mobile radio (LMR) and data sharing systems, and;

WHEREAS: ISICSB recognizes and supports local government entering into contractual arrangements for delivery of public safety and public services with non-governmental entities therefore conveying to such contractors the ability to use public safety/public service interoperability channels or frequencies the local government unit would otherwise be qualified and allowed to use, so long as any use of any interoperability channel is clearly and specifically articulated in contract between these parties; and local government notifies ISICSB in writing of the existence of such arrangement including the start and ending dates of any contractual arrangements for use of interoperability channels and frequencies within 30 days; and local government unit retains all responsibility and liability of use of any interoperability channel or frequency by such non-governmental contractor; Now therefore;

IT IS THE ISICSB POLICY:

**That the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications System Board (ISICSB) hereby documents and publishes policy of support for, governmental sub division use of Iowa Interoperability frequencies or channels; and,**

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

**ISICSB supports the ability of local government to enter into contractual arrangements with non-governmental entities for delivery of public safety and public services; and**

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**ISICSB supports said non-governmental contractor being allowed use of interoperability frequencies or channels that government sub divisions users would otherwise have access to; and**

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

**ISICSB recognizes contracts entered into between government sub divisions and their contractors may include the use of interoperability channels or frequencies used as well as periods of times those interoperability channels or frequencies are under terms of contract; and,**

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

**ISICSB supports contractor's use of government sub division contract so long as ISICSB is provided any such contract subsequent to execution; and,**

IT IS FURTHER POLICY THAT:

**ISICSB shall develop and publish in conjunction with Iowa Regional Planning Groups and Association of Public-Safety Officials (APCO) frequency coordinator and other frequency coordinating organizations protocols to be followed in carrying out this policy.**