Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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Endorsing Support for Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Project 25 Standards (P25)	Date Adopted:	7/30/2014
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Purpose or Objective

To document that the Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications Systems Board (ISICSB) hereby publishes its support for, and compliance with, the APCO Project 25 (P25) initiative and its standard setting process for any public safety land mobile radio (LMR) interoperable communications systems used in Iowa for public safety.

Background

Project 25 (P25) develops standards for interoperable land mobile radio (LMR) systems so emergency responders can exchange critical communications across agencies and jurisdictions. P25 standardizes interfaces between the various components of the LMR systems used by emergency responders, in an effort to satisfy the complex and evolving mission-critical communication needs of users for interoperable LMR equipment and systems.[1]
A significant coalition of local, state, and federal public safety agency users have already demonstrated their support for the APCO Project 25 Suite of Standards.

ISICSB Policy

It is ISICSB policy to support standards-based communications criteria for radio operable and interoperable equipment and land mobile radio (LMR) systems. The ISICSB supports standards that require an "open architecture" in all frequency bands for LMR communications systems and equipment, providing real-time interoperability through multiple means. The ISICSB supports common standards for all frequency bands to provide effective and reliable interagency and intra-agency radio communications, consistent with current best practices and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) Interoperability Continuum, which recognizes a standards-based system as the highest levels of interoperability. The ISICSB supports development of a statewide, wide-area LMR system as the states' interoperability platform and recognizes the role of a wide-area LMR platform as necessary to Iowa's statewide voice radio interoperability solution. The ISICSB supports standards requiring

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compatibility and graceful migration requirements for all public safety communications systems in all frequency bands leading to increased cross frequency band interoperability which P25 provides. The ISICSB supports standards stimulating manufacturer involvement and competition throughout a system's lifecycle.