Policy Statement

State of Iowa

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Managing Access to ISICS Interoperable Frequencies and Channels by Non-Governmental Entities	Date Adopted:	05/13/2015
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Purpose or Objective

To ensure government agencies at the state, local, tribal, and federal level maintain control of the access to the frequencies and channels that make up the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System and that any non-governmental entity allowed access to said frequencies and channels will have a documented contract in place shared with and approved by the ISICSB.

Background

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

ISICSB recognizes and supports government entities 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 government entity 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 the governmental entity notifies ISICSB as provided in ISICS Standard 2.8-Requesting Access and Participation, and existing federal and state law and regulations.

ISICSB Policy

The Iowa Statewide Interoperability Communications System Board (ISICSB) supports governmental subdivision use of Iowa Interoperability frequencies and/or channels.

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

ISICSB supports said non-governmental contractor being allowed use of interoperability frequencies or channels that government subdivisions users would otherwise have access to. The government entity retains all responsibility and liability of use of any interoperability channel or frequency by such non-governmental contractor.

ISICSB recognizes contracts entered into between government subdivisions 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.

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