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Chautauqua County Awards Federal Engineering Public Safety Radio Consulting Contract

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, June 1, 2011 — Chautauqua County, New York has awarded Federal Engineering, Inc. (**FE**) a contract to evaluate the County's current radio systems, assess interoperability and narrowbanding needs, and determine the best options for moving forward.

Joseph A. Gerace, the Chautauqua County Sheriff said: "Federal Engineering was chosen, via a competitive procurement process, because of their extensive public safety communications background. The firm understands our unique needs having experience with many county radio systems in New York. Chautauqua chose Federal Engineering because we felt the firm to be most advantageous to the County giving consideration to not only cost but experience, their proposed plan, the firm's ability to complete the work on time. We look forward to working with Federal Engineering to improve mobile communications for our first responders."

Mr. Ronald F. Bosco, **FE's** President, summarized the program: "In light of meeting the National Emergency Communication Plan interoperability goals and the fast approaching deadline for narrowbanding, it is imperative to evaluate the existing County radio systems that support the Sheriff, Local Police, Fire, EMS, Local Governments, Rural Transportation and Schools. **FE** will review existing issues, assess current needs, determine the impacts of narrowbanding on existing systems, define alternatives, determine a realistic implementation timeframe, and estimate the upgrade costs. **FE** will also provide procurement assistance to the County including development of a Request for Proposal and system acceptance criteria in order to acquire a narrowband compliant system."

FE provides a wide range of land mobile radio analysis, design, procurement support, and implementation management services for public safety, public service, transportation, and energy systems. The firm also provides security analyses, disaster recovery planning, strategic assessments, product analyses, market research, and business planning services in telecommunications and related fields.

As a nationwide communications systems planning and design firm, Federal Engineering develops voice, data, and video networks for a wide range of end users, including organizations in the aerospace, energy, finance, education, publishing, and computer services fields. In addition to its private sector work, **FE** has completed hundreds of communications projects for 30 state governments, as well as numerous local and federal government clients. **FE's** certified independence ensures that clients receive objective, unbiased consulting services that are not influenced by any particular technology, product, vendor, or approach.

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