0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:1.360
Neal, Barbara
We will get going.
0:0:3.930 --> 0:0:4.310
Neal, Barbara
OK.
0:0:6.450 --> 0:0:8.990
Neal, Barbara
Sorry, I'm moving between two screens.
0:0:10.220 --> 0:0:10.760
Neal, Barbara
There we go.
0:0:12.920 --> 0:0:16.510
Neal, Barbara
OK, the recording has started and thanks, Kelly.
0:0:18.180 --> 0:0:19.310
Neal, Barbara
Good afternoon, everybody.
0:0:19.320 --> 0:0:24.170
Neal, Barbara
This is I am calling this meeting of the public Safety Communications Task force to order.
0:0:24.180 --> 0:0:30.250
Neal, Barbara
It is 1:01 PM on November 27th and I'm Barbara Neil.
0:0:30.520 --> 0:0:38.370
Neal, Barbara
As a reminder, the meeting is being recorded and that recording will be posted to the Task force web page following the meeting.

0:0:38.920 --> 0:0:43.550
Neal, Barbara
Let's start with our usual roll call of Task Force members.
0:0:43.560 --> 0:0:49.610
Neal, Barbara
If you can indicate verbally that you're here when I call your name, that would be good Paul White.
0:0:50.750 --> 0:0:51.30
White, Paul
Present.

0:0:52.190 --> 0:0:52.950
Neal, Barbara
Michael Wright.
0:0:53.890 --> 0:0:54.130
Michael
Here.
0:0:56.190 --> 0:0:57.70
Neal, Barbara
Mike Dungeness.
0:0:57.850 --> 0:0:58.90
Doenges, Mike
Here.
0:0:59.130 --> 0:0:59.900
Neal, Barbara
Ron krumitz.
0:1:0.660 --> 0:1:0.890
Ron Kumetz (Guest)
Here.
0:1:2.230 --> 0:1:2.890
Neal, Barbara
Jim Mack.
0:1:4.420 --> 0:1:4.690
James Mack
Here.
0:1:6.60 --> 0:1:6.450
Neal, Barbara
OK.
0:1:6.460 --> 0:1:9.30
Neal, Barbara
And we are not expecting Commissioner Morrison today.
0:1:9.40 --> 0:1:15.420
Neal, Barbara
She's out of state and also joining us is Kelly Audette as our administrative support.
0:1:16.880 --> 0:1:21.190
Neal, Barbara
And let's see, we have several members of the public.
0:1:21.200 --> 0:1:28.710
Neal, Barbara

It looks like I'll give everybody a I'll call your name and give you an opportunity to introduce yourself and any affiliation that you'd care to share.

0:1:29.100 --> 0:1:30.820
Neal, Barbara
Steven will start with you.
0:1:33.630 --> 0:1:35.730
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Uh, can you hear me?
0:1:36.710 --> 0:1:38.580
Neal, Barbara
Yes, yes, we can hear you.
0:1:35.740 --> 0:1:39.130
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
I'm here my my muted.
0:1:40.570 --> 0:1:41.110
Neal, Barbara
No, you're not.
0:1:45.970 --> 0:1:46.860
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
That's all I had to say.
0:1:45.150 --> 0:1:48.410
Neal, Barbara
Stephen Whitaker, thanks for OK. Great.
0:1:48.420 --> 0:1:48.890
Neal, Barbara
Thanks.
0:1:49.280 --> 0:1:53.600
Neal, Barbara
I'm gonna move down the list now as I see it, and that brings me to Cheryl.
0:1:55.850 --> 0:1:56.440
Cheryl Giggetts
Good afternoon.
0:1:56.450 --> 0:1:58.100
Cheryl Giggetts
Cheryl tickets with CTA consultants.
0:1:58.870 --> 0:1:59.410
Neal, Barbara
Welcome.

0:2:0.500 --> 0:2:2.840
Neal, Barbara
Next on the list is Daniel Delorier.
0:2:5.110 --> 0:2:5.680
Deslauriers, Daniel
Morning, Barb.
0:2:5.690 --> 0:2:5.990
Deslauriers, Daniel
My name?
0:2:6.0 --> 0:2:8.350
Deslauriers, Daniel
Dandeli and Lasantha Springfield, Vt, Police Department.
0:2:9.70 --> 0:2:11.300
Neal, Barbara
Welcome kimchi.
0:2:12.840 --> 0:2:14.840
kim Cheney
The good afternoon.
0:2:16.870 --> 0:2:18.910
kim Cheney
I'm interested member of the public.
0:2:20.60 --> 0:2:21.70
Neal, Barbara
Nice to see you.
0:2:21.620 --> 0:2:22.890
Neal, Barbara
Ohh Philip Sisk.
0:2:23.700 --> 0:2:24.390
Phillip Sisk
Good afternoon.
0:2:24.400 --> 0:2:26.480
Phillip Sisk
Phil Sisk with mission critical partners hello.
0:2:27.250 --> 0:2:29.500
Neal, Barbara
Welcome and Richard Townend.

0:2:31.590 --> 0:2:34.840
Richard Townend
Good afternoon Richard Town and from AI Terrace Technology Partners.
0:2:36.240 --> 0:2:40.510
Neal, Barbara
Welcome, and I think I've gotten everyone on the list.
0:2:41.240 --> 0:2:45.870
Neal, Barbara
So we will move on to approval of the agenda.
0:2:46.380 --> 0:2:54.710
Neal, Barbara
Do task force members have any changes to today's agenda which was distributed by email and also available on our website?

0:2:54.800 --> 0:2:55.320
Neal, Barbara
Any changes?
0:2:58.510 --> 0:3:4.300
Neal, Barbara
OK, hearing nothing will consider the agenda approved and move on to public comment.
0:3:4.750 --> 0:3:8.590
Neal, Barbara
Is there anyone from the public who would like to speak?
0:3:11.540 --> 0:3:11.990
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I would.

0:3:14.260 --> 0:3:14.770
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Steve Whittaker.
0:3:13.740 --> 0:3:15.250
Neal, Barbara
Steven, go go ahead.
0:3:15.640 --> 0:3:19.130
Neal, Barbara
Go ahead, we'd like to limit to two minutes, but we'll be reasonable.
0:3:19.180 --> 0:3:19.480
Neal, Barbara
Go ahead.

0:3:20.540 --> 0:3:20.890
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Sir.

0:3:21.20 --> 0:3:23.80
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Yeah, I'll be reasonable as well.
0:3:23.160 --> 0:3:27.430
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
I wanna just frame the challenge that you're up against.
0:3:27.440 --> 0:3:34.310
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
I admire the diligence with which you are a commend the diligence with which you're keeping.
0:3:36.430 --> 0:3:38.920
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Frequent meetings to try to get this underway.
0:3:38.930 --> 0:3:44.40
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
As you know, were months behind schedule as was conceived in the legislation.
0:3:44.650 --> 0:3:47.900
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
But the challenge here is that we don't have a work plan.
0:3:47.910 --> 0:3:54.230
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
We're trying to hire subject matter experts to execute a work plan that hasn't been written.
0:3:55.390 --> 0:3:59.730
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Similarly, we don't have a work plan to guide a project manager.
0:4:0.500 --> 0:4:10.720
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Uh, the first task that needs to be done is to define what it is we're doing and what order and who's gonna do which parts.

0:4:13.20 --> 0:4:20.360
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And that's not easily replicable from the experience of any of the proposers.
0:4:20.770 --> 0:4:39.190
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
I haven't seen any of the proposals, but I have researched the some of the firms that have been offering
proposals and pretty much what he's outlined, what's outlined and alluded to in the legislation hasn't been done before.

0:4:39.520 --> 0:4:49.250
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
It's an integrated plan for a statewide resilient failover LMR and LTE integration with backup power.
0:4:49.870 --> 0:4:56.840
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I designed into it from the start, so pieces of that have been done.
0:4:57.230 --> 0:5:7.0
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Lots of LMR only implementations have been done more or less with as fragile and electric grid as we have in Vermont.

0:5:7.690 --> 0:5:13.220
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
But the LMR LTE integration is really a case of first impression.
0:5:13.810 --> 0:5:20.830
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Uh, and to fill the deadzones to complete an LMR and an LTE canopy across Vermont.
0:5:21.210 --> 0:5:32.250
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Is gonna take a really I focused and and diligent team or several teams working alongside each other in close coordination.

0:5:32.340 --> 0:5:44.770
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I don't see the expertise on the task force to manage that, so I think what you're gonna need to do is focus some resources on getting that task identification.

0:5:44.780 --> 0:5:59.280
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I think you're gonna have a lot of your several time and materials contracts, and you're gonna have a whole lot of details needing to be fleshed out which weren't fleshed out in the RFP and then you're gonna have to work from task orders.

0:5:59.970 --> 0:6:19.210
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
But if we're trying to do scheduling and sequencing and identification of all the tasks and a legislative uh relationship with what changes need to be made to account for the fact that we didn't get things done this year, then we're going to have.

0:6:21.140 --> 0:6:25.980
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First, net integration, we've got the broadband fiber plan integration.

0:6:26.170 --> 0:6:34.640
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
We've got a serious lack of governance and coordination across all those other initiatives that I raised earlier the 10 year telecom plan.

0:6:34.650 --> 0:6:39.760
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
The uh interoperability plan, the broadband plan?
0:6:41.30 --> 0:6:47.250
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Uh, the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council, which has never been appointed.
0:6:47.600 --> 0:6:49.650
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
You got a huge amount of.
0:6:50.780 --> 0:7:0.250
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
You're gonna have to keep up with the frequent meetings even after you start executing and getting it contracts approved in order to get your head around all these other issues.

0:7:0.800 --> 0:7:12.140
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
But what I want to suggest is that you realize that you're starting from this place without enough definition to even put these contractors to work.

0:7:13.180 --> 0:7:23.520
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
You can't just allow them to interpret their own uh versions of what the legislation and the RFP failed to elaborate.

0:7:24.520 --> 0:7:36.310
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
So we're gonna need, uh, a clear projects scope and definition and then breaking that up into task orders.

0:7:36.900 --> 0:7:42.390
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
And I, you're gonna need an all hands on deck approach to get this off the ground.
0:7:43.280 --> 0:7:44.940
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Sol.

0:7:45.850 --> 0:8:13.220
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I'm encouraged that you've made it this far and that you seem on the cusp of being able to get some experts on board, but I also think you need to recognize that what we're attempting to do, it will set a a
model for the nation with the integration of LMR, LTE, Firstnet and grid resiliency, and we can't afford to screw it up and we can't afford to tackle it, piece meal or.

0:8:13.600 --> 0:8:17.650
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Uh, go come back and do over what we failed to do on the first round.
0:8:18.220 --> 0:8:19.730
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
So that's my.
0:8:21.410 --> 0:8:28.180
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Plea to you is to keep your eye on the big picture and find a way to get it done in an integrated fashion.
0:8:28.960 --> 0:8:29.360
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Thank you.
0:8:30.300 --> 0:8:30.970
Neal, Barbara
OK.
0:8:31.160 --> 0:8:31.990
Neal, Barbara
Thank you, Steven.
0:8:32.600 --> 0:8:35.310
Neal, Barbara
Does anybody else from the public care to comment?
0:8:40.950 --> 0:8:55.760
Neal, Barbara
OK, seeing no hands and hearing nothing, we will go to the next agenda item, which is the discussion of one or more contracts planned for executive session.

0:8:56.30 --> 0:8:59.560
Neal, Barbara
So I will start us off like I typically do.
0:9:1.340 --> 0:9:23.330
Neal, Barbara
By making a motion that the task force find that the sharing of information about bitter presentations and responses publicly would put the task force at a substantial disadvantage in making a decision about awarding a contract to the successful bidder for both RFP's, is there a second?

0:9:24.10 --> 0:9:24.740
Ron Kumetz (Guest)
I will second that.

0:9:25.170 --> 0:9:25.590
James Mack
I can.

0:9:25.730 --> 0:9:26.30
Neal, Barbara
Thank.
0:9:26.190 --> 0:9:28.450
Neal, Barbara
Thank you, Ron, any discussion?
0:9:31.290 --> 0:9:32.460
Neal, Barbara
OK, hearing none.
0:9:32.470 --> 0:9:36.50
Neal, Barbara
All in favor, please indicate by raising your hand or and or saying aye.
0:9:38.260 --> 0:9:42.660
Neal, Barbara
All right, I see all task force members hands, including rons, are raised.
0:9:43.770 --> 0:9:46.600
Neal, Barbara
Uh, so that is approved.
0:9:47.430 --> 0:9:49.500
Neal, Barbara
So we will then make the.
0:9:50.230 --> 0:9:58.660
Neal, Barbara
I will then make the next motion that we move to executive session for the purposes of discussing one or more contracts.

0:9:58.750 --> 0:9:59.480
Neal, Barbara
Is there a second?
0:10:1.570 --> 0:10:2.30
James Mack
2nd.
0:10:2.760 --> 0:10:3.630
Neal, Barbara
Thank you, Jim.

0:10:3.720 --> 0:10:7.150
Neal, Barbara
All in favor, raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.
0:10:8.70 --> 0:10:9.640
Neal, Barbara
I see all the hands are up.
0:10:9.590 --> 0:10:10.50
Ron Kumetz (Guest)
Uh, yeah.
0:10:9.650 --> 0:10:11.530
Neal, Barbara
Once again, thank you.
0:10:13.160 --> 0:10:16.800
Neal, Barbara
So we will move to executive session.
0:10:16.810 --> 0:10:20.620
Neal, Barbara
You should all have a link to that on your calendars now.
0:10:22.380 --> 0:10:29.410
Neal, Barbara
And Kelly, we typically notify members of the public who care to know when we come back into session.
0:10:29.420 --> 0:10:30.760
Neal, Barbara
Are you all set to do that?
0:10:31.900 --> 0:10:34.10
Audet, Cally
Yeah, if there is anyone knew who?
0:10:34.20 --> 0:10:35.990
Audet, Cally
I don't have their contact information.
0:10:36.0 --> 0:10:42.910
Audet, Cally
If you could, I'm drop either your number or your email address.
0:10:42.920 --> 0:10:47.550
Audet, Cally
However, you'd like to be notified either in the chat or send it to me privately.

0:10:47.560 --> 0:10:49.520
Audet, Cally
I can get those notifications out.
0:10:50.860 --> 0:10:51.180
Neal, Barbara
OK.
0:10:53.840 --> 0:10:54.290
Neal, Barbara
Great.
0:10:55.160 --> 0:10:55.570
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Do you?
0:10:54.340 --> 0:10:55.900
Neal, Barbara
Alright, it's there.
0:10:55.580 --> 0:10:56.10
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Do you?
0:10:56.80 --> 0:10:59.20
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Do you expect to take action after the meeting today or not?
0:10:59.880 --> 0:11:2.250
Neal, Barbara
There is a potential for that, Steven.
0:11:3.990 --> 0:11:4.350
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
OK.
0:11:5.330 --> 0:11:5.650
f9590cd3-4cd0-4ac0-9666-7af8af9816c0
Thank you.
0:11:6.300 --> 0:11:7.210
Neal, Barbara
All right, I'll see.
0:11:7.220 --> 0:11:9.790
Neal, Barbara
UM Task force members in the executive session link.

1:2:35.290 --> 1:2:36.800
Audet, Cally
I restarted the recording.
1:2:46.510 --> 1:2:49.530
Neal, Barbara
Waiting for all the task force to get back here.
1:2:53.180 --> 1:2:54.60
Neal, Barbara
Give Ron a minute.
1:3:2.130 --> 1:3:3.100
Neal, Barbara
Theirs, Braun.
1:3:5.10 --> 1:3:8.840
Neal, Barbara
And during the executive session, we learned that Michael had to leave the call.

1:3:8.850 --> 1:3:9.500
Neal, Barbara
Michael Wright.
1:3:9.510 --> 1:3:12.690
Neal, Barbara
So we're not expecting him here.
1:3:15.170 --> 1:3:20.260
Neal, Barbara
Kelly Umm, did you have other notifications for people that we should be waiting for?
1:3:20.410 --> 1:3:21.400
Neal, Barbara
I see one coming in now.
1:3:23.450 --> 1:3:26.140
Audet, Cally
Umm, it looks like Phil Cesca still on.
1:3:29.530 --> 1:3:29.810
Neal, Barbara
OK.
1:3:26.150 --> 1:3:29.940
Audet, Cally
And I sent Steven a notification, so that was all I had.

1:3:33.430 --> 1:3:34.100
Neal, Barbara
All right.
1:3:34.190 --> 1:3:38.180
Neal, Barbara
I think we can move on then too.
1:3:39.90 --> 1:3:47.290
Neal, Barbara
The next agenda item, which is potential action as a result of the executive session, is there a motion to be made?

1:3:48.930 --> 1:3:55.890
James Mack
Like to make a motion to go into contract negotiations with vendor for the smaller PS discussed in the executive session.

1:3:57.40 --> 1:3:57.860
Ron Kumetz (Guest)
I will second that.
1:4:0.900 --> 1:4:1.690
Neal, Barbara
Any discussion?
1:4:3.280 --> 1:4:8.150
White, Paul
Uh, just clarify that the intent is to authorize the chairs.
1:4:9.650 --> 1:4:9.770
James Mack
Yes.
1:4:8.340 --> 1:4:14.450
White, Paul
To do that, like, not not to have the entire task force involved, but authorize the chairs to do it.
1:4:15.220 --> 1:4:17.80
James Mack
Yes, as amended.
1:4:18.870 --> 1:4:36.690
Neal, Barbara
OK, so as the motion as I understand it then is to the task force will direct the chairs to enter into contract negotiations with the vendor on the little RFP, which is for project management UMM as discussed in executive session session, correct?

1:4:37.870 --> 1:4:37.990
James Mack
Yes.
1:4:39.760 --> 1:4:40.210
Neal, Barbara
OK.
1:4:40.320 --> 1:4:42.270
Neal, Barbara
Any further discussion?
1:4:45.280 --> 1:4:45.710
Neal, Barbara
OK.
1:4:46.20 --> 1:4:49.660
Neal, Barbara
All in favor, raise your hand and or signify by saying aye.
1:4:53.830 --> 1:4:54.120
Ron Kumetz (Guest)
Uh, I.
1:4:52.170 --> 1:5:1.450
Neal, Barbara
Ron Kummetz and the remaining task force members have indicated yes, and so that motion has passed.
1:5:3.890 --> 1:5:4.600
Neal, Barbara
All right.
1:5:5.130 --> 1:5:14.700
Neal, Barbara
And then the final agenda item is to set a new meeting date and adjourn, and I will throw out.
1:5:16.70 --> 1:5:22.820
Neal, Barbara
A date of this Friday, December 1st at 1:00 o'clock to reconvene.
1:5:24.410 --> 1:5:24.950
James Mack
Taking it.
1:5:24.360 --> 1:5:24.980
Doenges, Mike
So that's good.

1:5:27.300 --> 1:5:27.540
Neal, Barbara
OK.
1:5:28.420 --> 1:5:29.140
White, Paul
Yeah, it's good with me.
1:5:28.820 --> 1:5:30.490
Neal, Barbara
Umm alright.
1:5:30.500 --> 1:5:33.650
Neal, Barbara
And I think, Paul, you've told us this before, we don't need to have a vote on that.
1:5:33.660 --> 1:5:35.590
Neal, Barbara
We can just establish the date. OK.
1:5:35.660 --> 1:5:36.340
Neal, Barbara
Alright, thanks.
1:5:35.550 --> 1:5:36.730
White, Paul
Her correct, yeah.
1:5:37.90 --> 1:5:38.960
Neal, Barbara
OK, excellent.
1:5:42.230 --> 1:5:43.270
Neal, Barbara
If there's nothing else.
1:5:45.300 --> 1:5:46.710
Neal, Barbara
We could take a motion to adjourn.
1:5:45.720 --> 1:5:48.70
White, Paul
Ah, comma, we adjourn.
1:5:48.890 --> 1:5:49.350
James Mack
Seconded.

1:5:49.210 --> 1:5:51.200
Neal, Barbara
Thank come join seconded.
1:5:51.210 --> 1:5:54.320
Neal, Barbara
All in favor, raise your hand or indicate by saying aye.
1:5:56.600 --> 1:5:57.910
Neal, Barbara
All hands are up.
1:5:58.500 --> 1:5:59.570
Neal, Barbara
Thank you very much.
1:5:59.580 --> 1:6:4.570
Neal, Barbara
We are adjourned and I will see you all on Friday at one.
1:6:4.640 --> 1:6:5.360
Neal, Barbara
Thanks a lot.
1:6:5.410 --> 1:6:5.660
White, Paul
Correct.
1:6:6.200 --> 1:6:6.950
Neal, Barbara
OK.
1:6:7.360 --> 1:6:7.620
Neal, Barbara
Bye bye.
1:6:7.680 --> 1:6:8.310
White, Paul
Take care. Bye.

