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The Honorable Merceria L. Ludgood President c/o Ms. Ima Eubanks Mobile County Commission Post Office Box 1443 Mobile, Alabama 36633

RE: Memorandum of Understanding – Interoperable Communications

Dear Commissioner Ludgood:

Enclosed is a **fully executed <u>copy</u>** of the *Memorandum of Understanding* approved during the April 19, 2011, Baldwin County Commission meeting, between the Baldwin County Commission and Mobile County Commission, whereby both County Commissions, with the aid of the State of Alabama, wish to provide 700 MHz P-25 Public Safety data and voice communications to all first responders in their respective jurisdictions, to make available to all first responders said system, and each maintain the 700 MHz communication assets in their respective jurisdictions. This approval is subject to a written *Agreement* to be executed by the appropriate parties. (At this time, there is no anticipation that either County Commission will spend resources in the other's jurisdiction.)

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact David Pimperl, CIS Director, at (251) 937-0351.

Sincerely,

ANU GARY, Records Manager Baldwin County Commission

AG/met Item BAI

cc:

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**ENCLOSURE** 

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



## MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION AND

#### **BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Mobile County, by and through the Mobile County Commission, in partnering with the State of Alabama, Mobile County Communications District, and City of Mobile, own certain 800 MHz public safety frequencies and other radio two-way communications assets that make up the Mobile Metro Radio System; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile Metro Radio System provides mission-critical public safety radio two-way data and voice communication to all first responders in Mobile County thus creating a public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile County Commission desires to integrate State of Alabama Department of Homeland Security - 700 MHz P-25 Public Safety data and voice communications into existing Mobile Metro Radio System (800 MHz EDACS ProVoice Public Safety data and voice communications); and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission recently awarded a Request for Proposal for Professional Services for Interoperable Communications Planning in which the scope of services included review of 700 MHz P-25 and other technologies with the goal being recommendations for the best solution(s) for implementing interoperable voice and data communications for all First Responders in Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission desires to integrate State of Alabama Department of Homeland Security - 700 MHz P-25 Public Safety data and voice communications into the above referenced plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama Homeland Security has offered to supply and install 700 MHz P-25 Public Safety data and voice communications in Mobile and Baldwin Counties; to supply and install a microwave link between Mobile and Baldwin Counties which Mobile County Commission will maintain; and to provide Gulf Coast Regional Interoperability Communications for all first responders in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mobile County Commission and Baldwin County Commission, with the aid of the State of Alabama, wish to provide 700 MHz P-25 Public Safety data and voice communications to all first responders in their respective jurisdictions, to make available to all first responders said system, and each maintain the 700 MHz communication assets in their respective jurisdictions, subject to a written agreement to be executed by the appropriate parties. At this time, there is no anticipation that either County Commission will spend resources in the other's jurisdiction.

MERCERIA L. LUDGOOD

**PRESIDENT** 

**MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION** 

Date:

FRANK BURT, JR.

CHAIRMAN

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

Date: