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 Kenneth N. Jones, Jr.

January 12, 2012

Honorable Judge Ramon Garcia
 Hidalgo County
 1615 S. Closner, Suite J
 Edinburg, Texas 78539

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COUNTY JUDGE

Dear Honorable Judge Garcia,

Since 2006, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) has completed a series of interoperable communication regional projects (radio repeaters and portable units) which have enhanced public safety communication capabilities across Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties. These communication systems are designed to allow communication between all local, state, and federal agencies whose radios would not normally be able to communicate during an emergency or large scale disaster due to incompatible or diverse systems. When called upon, these systems can be utilized by first responders to ensure communication between all public safety agencies regardless of incompatibility before, during, and after an incident.

In an effort to maximize public safety services and minimize local government costs on maintenance support, and upkeep for the regional interoperability communication systems, this and other ongoing projects were designed as regional projects by the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) and approved by the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

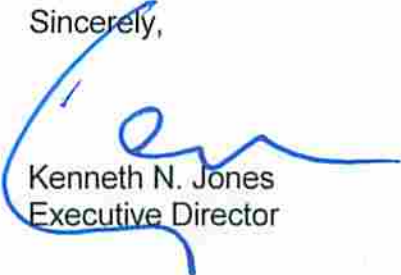
Each year correspondence, along with an invoice, is sent to all jurisdictions requesting their cooperation and support by contributing local funds for maintenance and upkeep costs of these regional interoperable communication systems that are critical to our first responders.

Attached for your review and remittance is your local governments individual contribution amount along with the amount(s) for each jurisdiction in the LRGVDC. For your convenience, I have also attached a separate invoice noting your jurisdictions' prorated contribution. Each contribution amount was determined on a per capita population basis utilizing the 2010 Census.



As stated on my correspondence to you last year, in order to be successful, we need your participation in this important endeavor. In advance, I thank you for your attention and cooperation to this most important request, and should there be any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Manuel Cruz, Director of Homeland Security.

Sincerely,



Kenneth N. Jones
Executive Director

cc: Oscar Montoya, EMC

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INVOICE

TO: NAME: Hidalgo County
ADDRESS: 1615 S. Closner, Suite J
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Edinburg, Tx. 78539

DATE	CHARGES	BALANCE
1/12/2012	Pro Rata Regional Contributions for Communications Preventive Maintenance	\$2,995.62
Payment is due 90 Days from date of Invoice.		
TOTAL		\$2,995.62
Please make check payable to LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL If you have any question please contact Manuel Cruz at (956) 682-3481		