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The Honorable Attorney General Eric H. Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Holder,

I am writing to request your support for the identification of unobligated funding within the Department of Justice in order to help improve public safety communication requirements in Midwest City, Oklahoma. Current communication needs include mobile data equipment and a network that will efficiently join field reporting and the city's record management system using wireless air cards. I respectfully seek your assistance in the amount of \$400,000 for equipment and installation. This would be the first phase of our information technology, with the second phase encompassing a city wide wireless network support system in order to compliment the city's public safety needs.

New, up-to-date, mobile computer terminals will allow the public safety departments to have network connectivity that is more secure, reliable and immediate, thus eliminating and/or reducing the current practice of manually entering some field data on multiple platforms.

A comprehensive mobile data system network consisting of new public safety mobile communication terminals (MCT), mobile ticket writers, base stations, network controller, IP diagnostics, and all associated costs will move field reporting to the ultimate goal of a paperless and error-free environment. Current equipment being used is now over a decade old and optimum compatibility with the new *Records Management System* is extremely poor.

This project is of great importance to Midwest City and the state of Oklahoma. I believe that there is a compelling need to provide federal assistance in support of their request for a new mobile computer terminals and their installation.

I thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide to help Midwest City with this crucial and long overdue project. Please do not hesitate to direct your staff to contact Ryan Jackson in my office at (202) 224-0152 if we can answer any questions or be of further assistance regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senator