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## **UTAH COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (UCA)**



Radio System Upgrade to new L3Harris P25 System - Project Monthly Report

May 18, 2021

## 1 – UCA Contract Technology Overview



- Design, implement and install P25 Phase-2 IP Trunked System Radio Communications System
- The UCA solution will consist of four (4) IP based VIDA Core Pairs
- 144 MASTR V-based RF sites
- 224 Symphony Dispatch Consoles
  - 221 active + 3 training/spares
  - 560 conventional (4-wire) interfaces
  - 1 centralized voice logging recorder
  - VIDA Interop Gtwys & Encompass Gtwys
- ISSI (Inter Sub System Interface)
- BeOn Gateway Server



# 2 – Highlights/Recent Status



- Site Grounding
  - Antenna subsystem and site grounding remediation tasks to be combined in field and would be started later this summer. L3H only has 30+ sites left to perform grounding work (this is due to L3H teams continuing work through winter months where weather allowed)
  - L3H submitted antenna subsystem work authorization to UCA for approval in Apr
- Site Remediation (Round 3)
  - CY21 work being planned to start in May (depending on weather/site access)
  - L3H awaiting UCA's approval to start work on the authorization letter submitted
- CFAT (Customer Factory Acceptance Test) #2 Scheduling
  - 37 additional approved sites for equipment ordering are being built at L3H factory
  - CFAT 2 currently scheduled for Sep, NSCs need to have backhaul connectivity for CFAT to take place in L3H factory
- Antenna Installs
  - Antenna installs started in Apr
  - 12 Sites Completed (through 5/18)
  - Awaiting final site walkthrough for acceptance
- RF Sites Install
  - RF sites delivery from SLC warehouse to final site location started in Apr
  - 15 site equipment delivered (as of 5/7)
  - 3 site installations completed (through 5/18)
  - Awaiting final site walkthrough for acceptance
- NSC Installs
  - Completed, awaiting backhaul readiness for commissioning/acceptance

## 2 – Highlights/Recent Status.. cont'd



- Design Reviews
  - 106 DDR packages approved by UCA out of first 119 sites
    - Dugway & 11 Solar sites remain + 1 site location changed (Pt. of the Mountain/New Prison) which would require rework & approval
  - Solar sites packages revisited with new formatting and additional info integration, UCA & L3H teams found a path forward in Apr to complete the design needs
    - L3H submitted 2 templates per the revised/final packages layout request and UCA requested additional changes.
  - All additional sites order placement completed, with only Dugway, solar and tower remediation sites now left to be ordered
- Frequency Plan Applications:
  - Freq. applications prepared and submitted by L3H team for first round sites are going through final regional approval phase on UCA's end
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> round sites Freq application submissions completed by L3H in late Apr with 4 applications needing extra work
- UCA New Fleet Map Approval
  - UCA board approved the new fleet map structure. L3H continuing conversations with UCA system administrator on fleet mapping & talk-group details
- 25 Expansion Sites
  - Schedule needs to be refreshed in light of site construction completion timelines by UCA
  - UCA commenced uploading some site information but L3H waiting for more & all required information to process and prepare for DDR design packages

#### 3 – Upcoming Milestones - Next Quarter Outlook



- May 2021 Nov 2021
  - Site Remediations & Grounding remediations begin May (weather dependent) and continue till end of Dec
  - Antenna & RF sites install started mid-Apr and would continue till Nov
    - Site by site UCA visits and approvals would be coordinated
    - L3H has site managers and vendors working throughout the state
  - 25 Expansion sites:
    - Some site development info provided to L3H, L3H would need more info & expected site build out dates to start integrating into design packages following which DDR date could be scheduled
  - Tower Remediation field studies/geo-techs work begins in June/July
- Mid-Late Summer 2021
  - CFAT #2 being planned around Aug timeframe for 37 RF sites (depends on backhaul readiness at NSC locations)

#### 4 – Schedule Overview



- Original contract: updated schedule put in place in Oct 2020
  - Weekly schedule review meetings with L3H scheduling expert to review task level details and analyze schedule
  - Overall project on track
  - Previously, updated schedule baseline is to be updated in next Amendment or change order
    - UCA working to improve backhaul readiness schedule which needs to be integrated into master schedule
      - Previously, UCA provided solar sites development schedule which was incorporated, however final solar site design packages may change this schedule
      - Previously, UCA provided site remediation schedule (for sites that UCA is working in CY21) which was incorporated

#### 5 – Challenges/Risks



- UCA Backhaul Readiness
  - Unexpected Fiber delays for NSC sites slowing down NSC install acceptance, sites connectivity to cores work and installation acceptance
  - RF sites readiness, RFC tests, MW vendor timelines
    - L3H provided couple of interim work around options for UCA to consider
    - UCA evaluating options and would advise L3H on target backhaul completion date
- SA (Structural Analysis) completion
  - Dugway (USAF & Army) is the last site that remains, formal UCA meeting with all parties held in Mar & Apr to secure permission for new P25 equip install and develop MOA between USAF, Army & UCA
  - L3H provided inputs to UCA which in turn sent a formal letter to Dugway with all details and suggested options to proceed. We are currently awaiting response back from USAF
- 25 Expansion Sites Development
  - UCA has to finish grounding remediation work & any remaining site development work
- Approval from Tower/Shelter Owners 3<sup>rd</sup> party co-located sites
  - Getting 3<sup>rd</sup> party responses/agreements have been a tough challenge from beginning of the project due to non-responsiveness from most of 3<sup>rd</sup> party owners/managers
  - L3H has been regularly reaching out to involved individuals
    - UCA supported in the past by sending out formal letters on UCA's letterhead



- 30+ PSAPs required info collection / Agencies preferences, TG affiliation info etc.
  - L3H Engg. has questions on existing UCA system that need to be clarified/understood to better plan for new P25 system Cutover and migration plans
  - In the past, L3H has been contacting directly each of the individual PSAP location supervisors and would restart the conversation later this year
- COVID-19 Impacts
  - In general, L3H experiencing material lead times which are actively being mitigated
  - During CY21 install phase personnel Covid-19 exposures have to be watched (but with vaccinations becoming available this risk exposure should become limited over summer install phase)
- Onsite meetings
  - Potential health concerns with travel
    - For now, L3H restricted travel advisory in place
  - No onsite monthly meeting with UCA, can resume in near future.