



Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group

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CITIG Receives Motorola Solutions Foundation Public Safety Grant

Grant to support safety education and training programs

(Ottawa) - Today, at a special reception held during the Fifth Annual First Responder Vendor Outreach hosted by CATAAlliance, the Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group (CITIG) announced it has received \$100,000 as part of the [Motorola Solutions Foundation's](#) Public Safety and Security Institute. The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions Inc. Through the grant, CITIG will be holding a series of workshops to answer 'What do we need to do to formally address communications interoperability challenges in support of cross-border operations for responders?' With a focus on planning and sharing of best practices, the anticipated 400-plus participants will contribute to making both Canada and the U.S. safer.

The Motorola Solutions Foundation's Public Safety Grants aim to support safety education and training programs for first responders, their families and the general public in the United States and Canada.

"Police officers, firefighters and paramedics on both sides of the border face interoperability challenges all too often," said Division Chief Michael Sullivan, CITIG Vice Chair. "Critical gaps still remain around sharing cross-border initiatives, increasing cooperation, developing regional capabilities and establishing better ties with cross-border emergency services to identify real needs and establish best practices. With the help of the grant provided by the Motorola Solutions Foundation, CITIG will be able to continue its good work specifically targeting cross-border regions."

The CITIG Cross Border Workshop Program will have two facets. First, additional programming has already been added to the Sixth Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop, December 2 to 5, 2012 in Toronto (see www.citig.ca) to help inform stakeholders about cross-border challenges. Phase 2 will see five Regional Cross Border Workshops held throughout 2013 to communicate the work done at the Canada-U.S. level and help each region develop its own regional strategy and Action Plans. Overall, participants will focus on:

- Planning: Developing near and long term cross border interoperable communications strategy and action plans.
- Policy Recommendations: Suggested changes that contribute to overcoming interoperability challenges along the border.
- Operations: Identifying opportunities to enhance interoperability through joint activities such as: developing joint SOPs; reviewing technology compatibilities; and conducting joint training and exercises.

"Aligning with Motorola Solutions' purpose to help people be their best in the moments that

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matter, the Motorola Solutions Foundation is honored to support first responders and their families through program funding that bolster safety and education,” said Matt Blakely, director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. “Through the Public Safety Grants, we partner with programs like CITIG to ensure first responders have access to the necessary tools and resources they need to succeed.”

Through the Public Safety and Security Institute, the Motorola Solutions Foundation serves as an investor, convener and global activator on issues that affect the safety of communities and security of countries worldwide, providing leadership in the sector to drive innovation and grow and engage the network of those interested in these issues.

About CITIG

The Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group (CITIG) works to improve Canadian public safety interoperability at home and abroad through collaborative efforts, innovation and leadership. CITIG is a not-for-profit Canadian corporation managed in partnership by the Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada (EMSCC), the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP). Today, CITIG is made up of more than 1100 volunteers from the responder community, all orders of government, non-governmental organizations, associations, academia and industry dedicated to improving the safety and security of first responders, and the people and critical infrastructure of Canada.

About Motorola Solutions Foundation

The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions. With employees located around the globe, Motorola Solutions seeks to benefit the communities where it operates. The company achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships and fostering innovation. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee programs and education, especially science, technology, engineering and math programming. For more information on Motorola Solutions Corporate and Foundation giving, visit www.motorolasolutions.com/giving.

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