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RCC Selected by Baldwin County, AL to Help Improve Countywide Communications and Interoperability

Woodbridge, NJ (May 19, 2011) – RCC Consultants, Inc. has been selected by Baldwin County, Alabama to assess its current public safety radio systems and make recommendations on the best, most resourceful two-way radio communications system to serve first responders, countywide.

Today, as many as 56 public safety agencies within Baldwin County utilize different VHF (150 MHz) and UHF (450 MHz) conventional radio systems and 700/800 MHz trunked radio systems that are not interoperable with each other or the surrounding counties and agencies. These systems suffer from poor radio coverage in some areas and a lack of available radio channels.

Additionally, the County's radio systems face implications from the Federal Communications Commission's narrowbanding mandate, which requires users to switch to 12.5 kHz channels instead of the traditional wideband 25 kHz channels. Bringing the existing equipment into compliance with the federal mandate would require a significant financial investment.

Recognizing these factors, the County has hired RCC to review and assess its disparate radio systems and to recommend the best course of action. Most large public safety agencies around the nation have moved or are planning to move their radio system technology to standards-based P25 systems to improve interoperability both on a local and national level. It is especially important to have interoperable communications capability in coastal areas such as Baldwin County, where the real threat of hurricanes is an annual event.

About RCC Consultants, Inc.

RCC Consultants, Inc. is a global telecommunications consulting, engineering and integration firm. A leader in the public safety industry since 1983, RCC specializes in the design and implementation of radio communications systems, microwave and fiber optic systems, broadband, intelligent transportation systems and emergency telephone systems, as well as the design of communications centers, tower sites and monitoring facilities. Visit RCC on the Web at www.rcc.com.