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RE:           RELEASE OF FINAL SCOPING DOCUMENT  
              TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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Tompkins County is seeking to replace the communication system currently in use by public safety (fire, EMS and police) officials and other government agencies countywide. The current system, composed of several independent systems woven together to provide for voice and data transfer, is thirty to forty years old and incorporates dozens of isolated radio frequencies, many of which are incompatible. Currently, much of the primary system used for voice communication uses an analog signal which makes it prone to interference; it is also becoming increasingly obsolete due to the Federal Communications Commission's actions narrowing bandwidth.

To facilitate the development of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for this project, the County initiated the public scoping process in February 2001, as outlined in the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). Enclosed, please find the Final Scoping Document for your review. The County used information from the Final Scope to help develop design guidelines contained in the draft Request for Proposals (dRFP) for this project. The dRFP will be used to seek project proposals from qualified vendors for the design, construction, and maintenance of a countywide wireless communication system for public safety.

For more information on this project, please visit the County's project website at [www.tompkins-co.org/pubinfo/pscs](http://www.tompkins-co.org/pubinfo/pscs), or contact County Administration (274-5551) with questions.