



TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF P25 COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

The *only* eligible Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) activity for interoperable communications equipment is the acquisition of P25 compliant equipment.

P25 compliant equipment is programmable, scalable, and can communicate in analog mode with legacy radios and in both analog and digital mode with other P25 equipment. P25 compliance enhances interoperability, allowing first responders to communicate with each other to coordinate their response to and mitigate all hazards.

It is the grantee's responsibility to obtain documented evidence that the equipment to be acquired has been tested and passed all the applicable P25 requirements and the grantee shall be able to produce such documentation to the AFG Program Office upon request. .

AFG applicants do not have to identify a specific P25 product in their application *narrative*; but they must affirm that the interoperable communications equipment requested or acquired is P25 compliant. The procurement of communications equipment that does not meet the P25 compliance equipment is considered unallowable and may not be reimbursed or paid for using AFG grant funds.

As an initial step in researching P25 compliant communications equipment, for either your Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) application or an AFG award; please visit the *DHS Lessons Learned Information Sharing website, RKB Certifications & Declarations* at:

<https://www.llis.dhs.gov/knowledgebase/certifications-declarations-list>

- Type the vendor/manufacturer name of the equipment being researched into the "Title" box and hit "APPLY"
- Products listed will have supporting P25 documentation. Click on the product for specification details and documentation.

NOTE:

This site is a resource and under constant development; there may be products for a vendor that are P25 compliant, but

are not currently listed.

AFG Home Page: www.fema.gov/firegrants

AFG Frequently Asked Questions: <http://www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grant/2013-frequently-asked-questions>

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