

## APPENDIX C – PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The following Public Notice was published in the local paper of record for 3 days with a 15 day public comment period. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents. If no substantive comments are received, the draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project by FEMA.

### Federal Emergency Management Agency PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for Construction of a 190-foot Communication Tower in Pennington County, South Dakota FEMA Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) 2010-SS-T0-0019 (12837)

Interested persons are hereby notified that Pennington County, South Dakota has applied for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The purpose of the grant is to enhance and improve local preparedness and security capabilities. Pennington County has established that, in order to do so, there is a need to provide public safety telecommunication infrastructure that is capable of establishing and maintaining interoperable radio coverage during emergency events.

FEMA proposes to provide funding for the construction of a 190 foot tall self-supporting tower (SST) on a 0.65 acre area of land owned by the South Dakota National Guard. The proposed tower location is at NW/4, SW/4, Section 4, T1N, R7E, Pennington County, SD, near the intersection of Hillview Drive and Raider Road, Rapid City, SD 57702 (latitude 44.0724444, longitude, -103.2888889). The proposed project would consist of constructing the 190-foot SST and an equipment shelter within a 45' x 50' enclosed compound, along with a 120' long x 10 foot wide access road. The tower site is located outside the 100-year and 500-year floodplain, and there are no wetlands in the project area. No historic or traditional cultural properties would be affected by the proposed project, and there would be no effect on any threatened or endangered species or their designated critical habitat.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by Land Recyclers, Inc. to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and 44 CFR Part 10, the implementing regulations of FEMA. The EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives considered, affected environment(s), and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action.

The draft EA is available for public examination at the Pennington County Courthouse, 315 Saint Joseph Street, Rapid City, SD 57702, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The draft EA

can also be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at:

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region8.shtm>

The public comment period will end 15 days from the initial publication date of this notice. Questions related to the technical aspects of the project should be directed to:

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Comments on the draft EA or questions regarding the NEPA process can be mailed, faxed or emailed to:

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