

## State of Michigan moves towards next generation of 911 services

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On July 23, 2008, the State of Michigan moved towards the next generation of providing 911 services to Internet Protocol (IP) users by issuing a **Request for Proposal (RFP)** for a consultant to assess the feasibility of implementing a Next Generation 911 (NG911) system statewide. Only a limited amount of states and localities have implemented NG911 systems, however, many have been successful.

This project comes a few weeks after the U.S. Department of Transportation announced five agencies taking part in a **NG911 pilot project**. Those agencies include Rochester, NY; Bozeman, MT; King County, WA; St. Paul, MN; and Fort Wayne, IN. The U.S. DOT has committed over \$11 million to study the effectiveness of NG911.

While Michigan was not included in the DOT's pilot project, it joins the list of states who either are in the process or have completed deployment of NG911 systems. These states include **Texas**, **Minnesota**, **Maine**, **Tennessee**, **Colorado**, and **Washington**.

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