



## UNITED STATES ANTARCTIC PROGRAM

## SOUTH POLE WIRELESS ARCHITECTURE

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### **South Pole**

#### **Wireless Architecture**



- Objective end state
  - Life and safety requirements fulfilled
  - Fully integrated in USAP Information Architecture
  - Current and future science requirements fully supported
  - Cost effective temporary and permanent connectivity
  - RF Sector designated and maintained
  - Dark Sector maintained
  - Quiet Sector maintained
  - Support efficient inter-personal electronic communications



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#### **Method**



#### Establish an Electronic Environment Baseline

EMI/RFI Study conducted by SPAWAR

#### Develop Functional Requirements

- Based on current known needs
- Review requirements-NSF, SPUC, RPSC

#### Develop Technical Requirements

- Based on analysis of functional requirements
- Review with NSF, SPUC and RPSC (Frequency Coordination)

#### Conduct procurement

- Request for Information (RFI)
- Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Evaluation/Award
- Implementation



# South Pole Time Line (Current Estimate)



•	FY 03	Summer	Establish a Baseline
•	FY 03	Off Season	Functional Requirements
•	FY 04	Summer	Technical Requirements
•	FY 04	Off Season	Conduct procurement
•	FY 05	Summer	Implementation



## **South Pole Potential Technologies**



- IRIDIUM
- Low Power Cellular Communications (PCS)
- Micro Cell
- IEEE 802.3 CSMA/CD (Ethernet)
- IEEE 802.11 (a-5 GHz, b-2.4 GHz) Wireless
- IEEE 802.15 Wireless Personal Area Networks
- IEEE 802.16 Wireless Metropolitan Area Network