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MyStateUSA:

MyStateUSA is contracted by the State of Idaho to provide a CAP server and related services for the Idaho State Alert and Warning System (ISAWS). They also serve some other jurisdictions, with the State of Washington being of immediate interest to some northern Idaho broadcasters and cable companies. Note that in 2014, they renamed themselves AlertSense, but for our purposes, the URLs continue to use the MyStateUSA name.

A key point to know is that MyStateUSA's servers choose which county and state's alerts to deliver based upon the username and password you use. When MyStateUSA was initially deployed for Idaho, broadcasters and cable companies were advised to all use a specific username ("harold" in Idaho). This is associated with an earlier version 1.1 of CAP and is no longer recommended. Indeed, some CAP decoders won't work with it. The instructions below are for CAP version 1.2 and require a unique user account.

Getting a MyStateUSA user account:

Sign up for a unique user account at: <https://mystateusa.com/CapServiceSignup.aspx>

While you can theoretically "share" this user account amongst multiple decoders at your organization, doing so will make it more difficult for MyStateUSA to diagnose any connection problems. This is particularly true if you have more than one decoder on the same network, as typically that will mean they all show up in their logs with the same "public" IP address.

Within a few days of signing up on the above web site, you'll get an email with login info and some URLs. If you have a SAGE ENDEC, use the URL mentioned in the SAGE instructions below. Otherwise, use the provided "ATOM" feed URL in place of the URLs mentioned below. The URL will be something like: <https://mystateusa.com/CapService.svc/Atom/?username=Kxxx&password=mypassword>

Your username and pw will be substituted appropriately in the above URL.

(note, as of this writing, MyStateUSA accepts both http as well as https, but the latter is recommended and some devices won't allow anything else).