



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 27
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATION

December 9, 2020

WHEREAS, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 authorizes the FirstNet Authority to reinvest fees to construct, maintain, operate, or improve the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN); and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2019, the Board enacted Resolution 98, “The FirstNet Authority’s Investment Principles,” in which, among other things, the Board adopted Investment Principles and authorized the FirstNet Authority to “use the Investment Principles to guide the FirstNet Authority’s investment decisions;” and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2019, the Board enacted Resolution 100, “Financial Responsibilities for Reinvestment,” in which, among other things, the Board resolved that “no funds may be obligated from the Reinvestment in Network Enhancement Fund funding category for the purposes of investment without Board approval;” and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2019, the Board enacted Resolution 102 “Coverage Enhancement and Network Enhancement Investment Recommendations” in which, the Board authorized the FirstNet Authority management to take all actions necessary to implement the proposals in accordance with the objectives and business cases as presented to the Board; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Board enacted Resolution 105 “Network Investments” in which, the Board authorized the FirstNet Authority management to take all actions necessary, including the obligation of funds, to issue Task Orders to the NPSBN contract for Expanded Deployable Capabilities and Services and an Initial Core Generational Upgrade; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2020, the Board enacted Resolution 106 “Fiscal Year 2021 Budget” in which, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, including an allocation to the Reinvestment in Network Enhancement Fund funding category; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2020 the FirstNet Authority management team briefed the Finance Committee on the implementation status of the Network Enhancement Investment, including the projected operation and maintenance expenses associated with the Initial Core Generational Upgrade;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance Committee hereby recommends that the Board authorize the FirstNet Authority management to take all actions necessary, including the obligation of funds from the Reinvestment in Network Enhancement Fund, for operation and maintenance expenses associated with the Initial Core Generational Upgrade through calendar year 2021. The Finance Committee further recommends that the Board authorize management to obligate funds from the Reinvestment in Network Enhancement Fund for this purpose beyond calendar year 2021 via the annual budget process.

I, the undersigned, Board Secretary of the FirstNet Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the FirstNet Authority Board on December 9, 2020, at which a quorum was present and voted.



Janell Smith, Board Secretary