

FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION 2
State, Regional, Tribal and Local Consultation Process
September 25, 2012

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) which mandates the creation of a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network that will enable police, firefighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to more effectively communicate and perform their missions;

WHEREAS, the Act creates the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, charged to take "all actions necessary" to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with State, local, tribal, and territorial entities;

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes FirstNet to "hold hearings, take testimony, and receive evidence necessary to carry out its duties;"

WHEREAS, the Act requires that FirstNet consult with state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions regarding the distribution and expenditures of any amounts required to carry out its responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the Act envisions state, regional, tribal, and local consultation on construction of a core network and any RAN build out; placement of towers and coverage areas of the network; adequacy of hardening, security, reliability and resiliency requirements; assignment of priority to local users and selection of entities seeking access; and training local users;

WHEREAS, state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions have decades of unique and invaluable expertise concerning the operation of public safety systems.

WHEREAS, state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions represent essential partners and valued customers of FirstNet;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board of Directors establishes a State, Regional, Local, and Tribal Consultation Committee and directs it to establish and execute FirstNet's State, Regional, Tribal and Local Consultation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board of Directors requests NTIA to take such actions as the Board or Committee deems necessary to assist the Committee in the development and implementation of FirstNet's Consultation Plan, such as: (1) conducting stakeholder outreach workshops to further enable consultation with state, local, tribal and territorial stakeholders; (2) issuing Notices of Inquiry as necessary to seek stakeholder input on relevant issues; (3) performing other work as assigned by State, Regional, Tribal and Local Consultation Committee; and (4) reporting back on such activities to the Committee.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the First Responder Network Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the First Responder Network Authority on September 25, 2012, at which a quorum was present and voted.



Uzoma Oryeze, Secretary