

FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION 3
State, Regional, Tribal and Local Grant Program Consultation
September 25, 2012

WHEREAS, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) empowers the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), to "exercise, through the actions of its Board, all powers specifically granted by the provisions of this subtitle, and such incidental powers as shall be necessary;"

WHEREAS, the Act empowers FirstNet to take "all actions necessary" to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with state, regional, tribal, and local entities;

WHEREAS, the Act mandates that the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, in consultation with FirstNet, "shall take such action as is necessary to establish a grant program to make grants to states to assist state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions to identify, plan, and implement the most efficient and effective way for such jurisdictions to utilize and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the nationwide public safety broadband network to satisfy the wireless communications and data services needs of that jurisdiction, including with regards to coverage, siting, and other needs;"

WHEREAS, FirstNet recognizes the unique needs of state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions and the importance of a meaningful grant program to support state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the Act mandates that NTIA consult with FirstNet to take such action as is necessary to establish a grant program to make grants to states to assist state, regional tribal, and local jurisdictions to identify, plan, and implement the most efficient and effective way for such jurisdictions to utilize and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the nationwide public safety broadband network to satisfy the wireless communications and data services needs of that jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State, Regional, Tribal and Local Consultation Committee is directed to consult and collaborate with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, as necessary, to satisfy the statutory consultation requirement and to ensure the success of this congressionally-mandated grant program.

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 Onyeaka, Secretary