

# ***Overview of FloridaNet***

***Project approach for designing a  
National Public Safety  
Broadband Network,  
formally known as D-Block,  
now called FirstNet***

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# ***Introduction to FloridaNet***

## **FloridaNet Vision**

Charting Florida's response to FirstNet for state, local, regional, and tribal emergency responders and designated public service organizations operating within the State.

## **FloridaNet Mission**

Provide a statewide strategic planning framework for an innovative, inclusive, scalable, sustainable, and well-managed FloridaNet infrastructure that promotes national FirstNet broadband standards and is effective in addressing the unique tribal, rural and urban requirements of the emergency responders and designated public service organizations serving the residents and visitors of the State of Florida.



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A little background on FloridaNet...

- Created by Governor Scott to provide governance and a planning assessment framework for the first high-speed wireless, broadband network dedicated to public safety – historically referred to as D-block and now call FirstNet
- Ensure a seamless, reliable, dedicated broadband communication for public safety use in Florida, as part of FirstNet planning
- Assess Florida’s options for creating a dedicated broadband data network: a recommendation of the 9/11 Commission (D-Block)
- FirstNet is under the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
- Congress allocated \$7 Billion for the FirstNet’s national build-out
- Florida has been awarded \$4.9 Million grant through a State and Local Implementation Grant Process - SLIGP
- The grant assists FloridaNet with its broadband planning efforts.



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- Organized in February of 2013
- 50+ public-sector, public safety associations, and private-sector organizations participating in FloridaNet planning efforts
- Both the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe are participating
- 120 individuals currently participating in planning efforts
- Multiple regional workshops planned for 2014



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## **Purpose of FloridaNet Governance Structure**

The governance structure is designed to develop recommendations from the bottom-up in an effort to improve interoperable communications and establish buy-in throughout the FloridaNet assessment process.



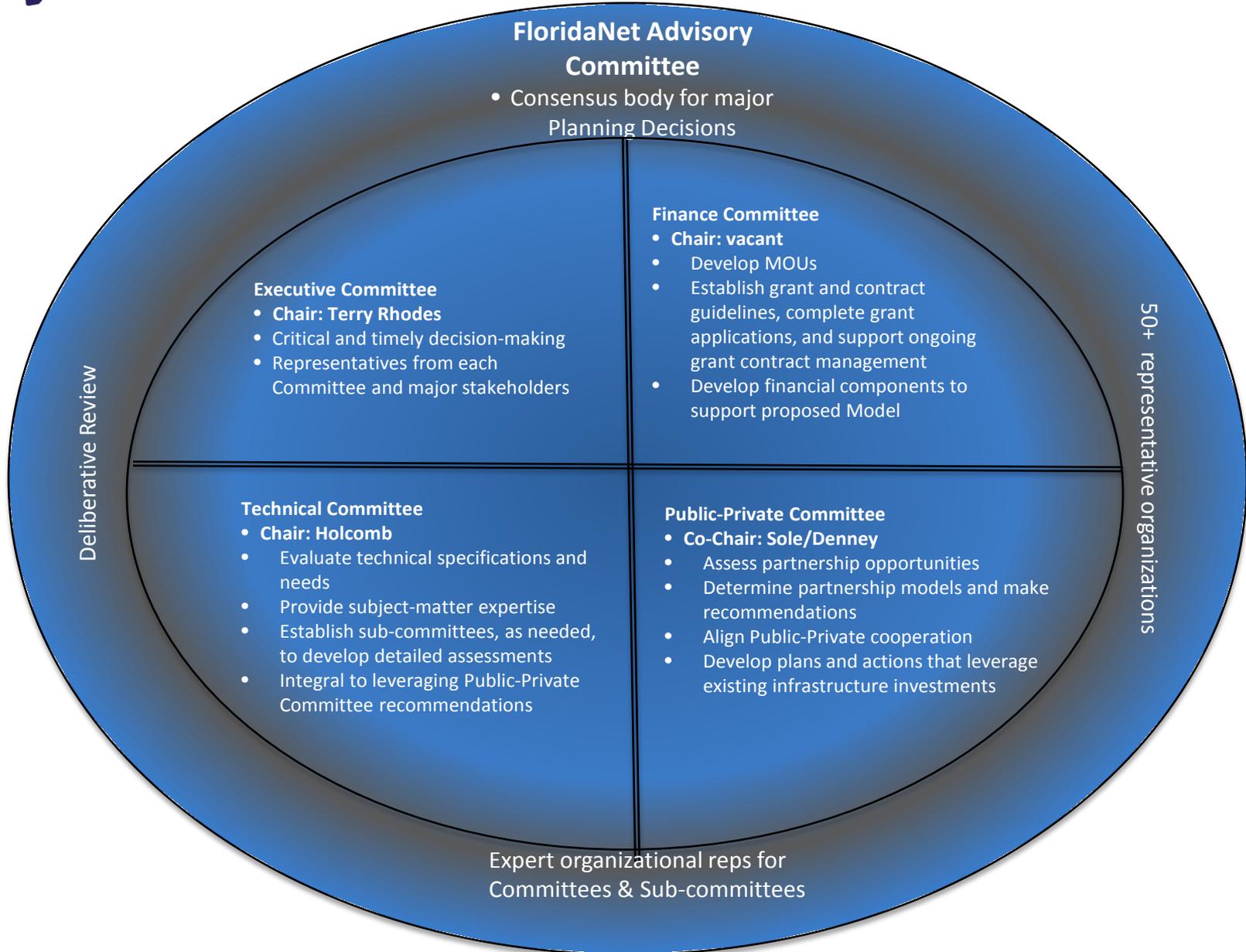
# *FloridaNet*

## *Executive Committee Members*

- Chair: DHSMV-Terry Rhodes, Executive Director
- Governor's Office – Jason Allison, CIO
- Homeland Security Advisor – Donna Uzzell (FDLE)
- Police Chiefs Association– Amy Mercer, Executive Director
- Tribal Representatives – Bobby Brown (Seminole Tribe of Florida)  
– Ray Weeks (Miccosukee Tribe)
- Sheriffs Association – Steve Casey, Executive Director
- DMS – Stacy Arias
- DEM – Charles Hagan
- Department of Health – Mike McHargue
- Technical Committee Chair – Greg Holcomb, Lake County Public Safety
- Finance Committee Chair – vacant
- Department of Economic Opportunity – Sherri Martin
- Public-Private Sector Co-Chair – Mike Sole, FP&L
- Public-Private Sector Co-Chair – Colin Denney, Verizon
- Fire Chiefs –Kevin Herndon, Deputy Chief



# FloridaNet Advisory Committee





# ***State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)***

The SLIGP is a formula-based, matching grant program to assist States, in collaboration with regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions, to perform activities related to planning for the establishment of a nationwide public safety broadband network.

Match: 20% non-federal matching funds toward the total eligible project cost. Matching funds may be in the form of either cash or in-kind contributions.

## **Two phases of funding:**

**Phase 1:** planning, consulting, and development activities in preparation for consultations with FirstNet, including strategy and timeline development, meetings, governance planning, and outreach and education efforts.



# *State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)*

Phase 2: begins after FirstNet has consulted with the State-designated contact about defining coverage needs, user requirements, and network hardening and resiliency requirements, and advises NTIA it is ready for the commencement of data collection

or when NTIA requests a revised budget from recipients for second phase activities.

**The second funding phase** will primarily address States' needs in preparing for additional consultation with FirstNet and planning to undertake data collection activities. The second phase will fund data collection activities provided that FirstNet has determined that it needs standardized asset and infrastructure inventories from the States.



# *State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)*

## **Ineligible Costs.**

Funds awarded under the SLIGP may **not** be used for activities related to site preparation, broadband deployment, installation, construction, or the acquisition of equipment used to provide wireless broadband services. Please note that costs ineligible for SLIGP support may not be included as matching funds.



# *FloridaNet Progress to Date*

- \$4.9M awarded September 1, 2013
- Team working on grant implementation
  - ✓ Working groups forming for action
  - ✓ 3-year budget created
  - ✓ Project work plan for achieving the 7 grant goals nearly complete



## *Next Steps*

- FirstNet met with FloridaNet on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>
- FloridaNet hopes to begin a formal state consultation process with FirstNet in late spring
- Technical Working Groups underway creating the survey for data collection process
- FloridaNet will proceed with coverage workshops and state-wide meetings with local first responder network this summer
- The support infrastructure for project implementation is nearly complete



## *Next Steps*

FloridaNet issued an RFI to assist in identifying, planning, and implementing the most efficient and effective way to utilize and integrate necessary infrastructure, equipment and other architecture associated with the National Public Safety Broadband Network to satisfy the current and future wireless communications and data and data network service needs of public safety within Florida.



# *FloridaNet Today*

## **Deliverables in Phase I**

1. Established a governance structure for Florida efforts
2. Developing procedures to engage local and tribal governments
3. Creating and implementing education and outreach process
4. Identifying potential FirstNet users and coverage issues
5. Developing MOA to work with locals, tribes and private sector (and identifying barriers)

## **Additional deliverables in Phase II**

6. Develop staffing plan for the effort
7. Enhance Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) to address broadband