

FirstNet State, Territorial, Tribal and Local Consultation Meeting Summary

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The team participated in a two-day meeting hosted by the FirstNet Board, the National Governor's Association, and NTIA.

Thomas MacLellan, Director of Homeland Security and Public Safety Division of the National Governor's Association led the meeting. On the dais were Craig Farrill, FirstNet CIO and Board member and Bill D'Augustino, FirstNet General Manager.

D'Augustino and Farrill gave presentations on the design and future of FirstNet. The participants were able to ask questions of the Board members after the presentations. State's were given break-out time to frame questions and concerns that were shared in an open forum with the Board. All questions were answered candidly.

Primary Achievements Promised

- FirstNet will allow 100% interoperability across states for DATA Networks.
- Cost will be same or lower than existing data plans.
- Large data platform.
- There will be federal partners using FirstNet.

Data Platform

- Reduced data costs for state, tribal and local agencies
- Data plans monthly with cellular carriers will be eliminated or greatly reduced and replaced with FirstNet.
- Provides the same or improved coverage and robustness for data systems.
- Will be using national security standards – security was a huge issue for the states and assurance were given that it is priority one for FirstNet.

Memoranda of Understanding

- Developed with each existing state, tribe, and local public safety user
- Each will be based on what resources are currently available to be used for the build-out of FirstNet platform.
- User-by-user decision that FloridaNet team is being asked to undertake.
- Issues to be addressed:
 - What or how will equipment be maintained?
 - Is there compensation for local maintenance?
 - Is there a reduction of cost or credit for providing infrastructure of resource to FirstNet?

Security

- Who are the administrators of the system?
- Who will have access (from an administrator perspective) to the data?
- Who manages the application coding, maintenance, and modification?

Priority Users

- Who develops the priority of applications running on the network?
- Who prioritizes the users within the state and outside the state?

Main Learning Points

- FirstNet will be a dedicated public safety data network, controlled and driven by the users. It will NOT be piggy-backed on a commercial network.
- FirstNet commits to provide a better price and equal or better coverage than current systems for data communications.
- FirstNet is a 4G/LTE data network with a large band-width dedicated to public safety.
- Applications and secure devices are envisioned and an RFI has been issued to vendors, with replies due by September.
- Florida will control governance of priority users and each user can control its own data and who has access to the data.
- Opt-out doesn't mean you can say "no" to FirstNet.
- Florida must develop an alternate plan if it opts out.
- The states have requested the FirstNet Board provide a clear definition of opt-in/opt-out conditions and requirements.
- FirstNet is doing the legwork that Florida will have to do to design a system.
- The FirstNet model will be replicated nationally.
- Areas that couldn't afford to develop their own networks can get a good product at a reasonable price.
- FirstNet will be similar to the Universal Access model of AT&T, with subsidization of rural, tribal and underserved areas.
- Service will be a combination of mobile, satellite up-link, and portable repeaters.
- FirstNet is requesting in the research and analysis for three items:

- Requirement of state
 - Priority of state
 - Concerns of the state
- The four building blocks of FirstNet are:
 - The core network (band class 14, 10 MHz by 2, 10 MHz for Tx and 10 MHz for Rx)
 - Transport backhaul
 - Radio access network (RAN)
 - PS devices.
- FirstNet indicated that the core network would be their responsibility and they would complete this task. In addition, they indicated that the States would be responsible for the Radio Access Network (RAN)
- The next step is for individual meetings to be scheduled with each state and the FirstNet project team.