

**NASCIO Vows to Support Govt Push for Cybersecurity, Data Sharing, FirstNet Programs**

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The National Association of State Chief Information Officers plans to launch advocacy efforts this year to encourage adoption of cybersecurity strategies, a public safety broadband network and an information exchange framework at state government agencies.

NASCIO [said Jan. 12](#) it will collaborate with federal regulators in a bid to address “silo” or “stove-pipe” funding of information technology infrastructure projects.

The association added it believes state government CIOs need regulatory flexibility to consolidate their agencies’ enterprise IT assets as well as implement shared business models and integrated citizen services.

The group also vowed to monitor the First Responder Network Authority’s initiatives toward development of a nationwide wireless communications network for first responders.

FirstNet, which issued a [request for proposals](#) on the project Thursday, has set a summer 2017 deadline for states to decide if they want to opt in or out of the emergency services network, NASCIO noted.

The group also promised to promote use of *National Information Exchange Model* at the state level.

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