FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION 14
Delegation of Financial Responsibilities
December 11, 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, tribal, federal, and local entities;

WHEREAS, the Act empowers FirstNet to spend funds "in a manner authorized by the Board, but only for purposes that will advance or enhance public safety communications consistent with this title;"

WHEREAS, in order to start-up its operations FirstNet must:
a) Hire employees and purchase goods and/or services to form and support the ongoing operation of its nationwide broadband wireless business, and
b) Delegate to certain management personnel the authority to authorize the hiring of employees and the purchase of goods and/or services on behalf of FirstNet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board establishes a process by which the Board delegates to designated senior management personnel the authority to approve the purchase of goods and services and to engage the services of Federal contracting and financial management personnel on behalf of FirstNet, consistent with an approved budget. All senior management personnel shall comply with Federal law and regulations. All purchases of goods and services will comply with Federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board establishes a process by which the Board delegates to designated senior management personnel the authority to approve the hiring of new employees. All senior management personnel shall comply with Federal law when approving the hiring of employees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board of Directors establishes the following Schedule of Authorizations to the designated senior management personnel:

Schedule of Authorizations	Officers	General Manager	Chairman
Authority to approve and engage the services of Federal Contracting Personnel in Purchases of Goods and/or Services: (up to 100% of the Approved Budget)	Up to $2,500,000	Up to $5,000,000	$5,000,000 to $10,000,000
Authority to Approve the Hiring of FirstNet Personnel:	Up to 100% of Staffing Allocation	Up to 110% of Staffing Allocation	Up to 120% of Staffing Allocation

Schedule of Authorizations	Officers	General Manager	Chairman
Authority to approve and engage the services of Federal Contracting Personnel in Purchases of Unanticipated Goods and/or Services.	Up to $250,000	Up to $500,000	$500,000 to $1,000,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the start-up phase (prior to revenue), only the FirstNet General Manager, FirstNet Officers, the Chairman of the Board, and the Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the purchase of goods and services; to engage the services of Federal contracting and financial management personnel on behalf of FirstNet; and to approve the hiring of new employees. "FirstNet Officers" are the direct report of the General Manager, which include: the Chief Technical Officer (CTO), User Advocacy Officer (UAO), User Operations Officer (UOO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and Chief Strategy Officer (CSO). The following activities require approval by the FirstNet Board: the authority to approve and engage the services of Federal Contracting personnel in the purchase of goods and services of over $10 Million; the authority to approve and engage the services of Federal contracting and financial management personnel for the purchase of unanticipated goods and services of over $1 Million; and the authority to approve the hiring of new employees over 120 percent of staffing allocation. The obligation or expenditure of funds cannot be finalized until the funds are certified as available by NTIA.

The FirstNet Chief Financial Officer and Finance and Accounting team shall maintain all financial records associated with purchasing and hiring in the independent authority and shall ensure that FirstNet

operates in accordance with this resolution, generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and Federal law.

This Schedule of Authorizations shall be in effect until modified by the FirstNet Board of Directors.

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 December 11, 2012, at which a quorum was present and voted.

Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary