



What Can Data Do?

SPOC Update

At the SPOC meeting in Phoenix last week, GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom and I participated, along with former Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, on a “State Executives Perspective Panel.” We were able to share our experience in **engaging with Governor Edwards and his executive staff** about FirstNet issues and provide some **best practices** to other state representatives and SPOCs.

FirstNet continues to move forward on the mission of providing a broadband network dedicated to public safety and enhancing communication capabilities for all responders. As SPOC, I will ensure that the needs of **all first responders and public safety officials are addressed** in the design, build and operation of this network. It is not being built in a bubble in Washington DC – it is being built with input from all corners of our state and country.



FirstNet Innovation and Test Lab

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) opened a testing and innovation laboratory November 9, 2016. Located in Boulder, Colorado, FirstNet and its future private industry partner will **test public safety functionality and features** unique to FirstNet’s mission-critical broadband network, including quality of service; priority; pre-emption; and other future mission-critical services and applications.

The lab will also be the foundation for a future **FirstNet Training/Experience Center** for hands-on training, demonstration, and user evaluation of future FirstNet Network technologies and applications.

The FirstNet partnership will be able to see how **emerging technologies, devices and applications behave in a public safety broadband environment**, ensuring anything that runs on the FirstNet Network is truly “public-safety-grade” and ready for first responders’ use. The Lab will also be used to **model and troubleshoot issues that may occur in the field**.

LA FirstNet Focus: Data Collection



Louisiana FirstNet recently completed nine **Coverage Review and Update Workshops**, holding a meeting in each of the GOHSEP regions. Through these meetings public safety agencies provided many helpful suggestions and updated location data across areas of operation. **Thank you for your participation and input!**

Louisiana submitted the updated data to FirstNet. It will be used by FirstNet and the network partner, to develop a buildout and operations plan for the NPSBN in our state.

FirstNet Focus: SLIGP 2.0



The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is considering extending the FirstNet state stakeholder outreach initiative funded by the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP).

In order to provide recipients with resources to continue coordination efforts in the post-State Plan period as FirstNet and its partner move closer to buildout, NTIA intends to make **SLIGP 2.0 grant awards** leveraging **excess SLIGP funds** to support activities in those states in which FirstNet is deploying the Radio Access Network (RAN). Subject to NTIA leadership approval, in the first half of 2017, NTIA envisions releasing a **Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) notice for SLIGP 2.0** awards in parallel with FirstNet’s delivery of State Plans.



Coming Next:

FirstNet Board Meeting
Sacramento, CA
December 13-14, 2016

SIEC General Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA
January 25, 2017