



What's NEW with LOUISIANA FirstNet

Outreach is in full swing! As of printing, LA FirstNet has presented outreach information to **over 1,000 first responders, emergency managers, and other potential stakeholders** statewide. We have **170 twitter followers**, with more added daily. Follow us [@LAFirstNet](https://twitter.com/LAFirstNet).

Data Collection is your way of informing the plan for the buildout of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) in Louisiana. Our survey (MDST) is **currently active and open** to all public safety agencies in the state, and the Broadband Working Group is meeting to **identify coverage objectives and plan for capacity**. Interested in participating? **Call LA FirstNet** today at **(225) 937-2384**.

Our **State Initial Consultation** was held **May 13, 2015**, and was a **huge success!** The day included **over 90 potential stakeholders** from around the state. Learn more and keep up with the **latest LA FirstNet news and information** on our website: <http://firstnet.louisiana.gov/news/>

What's NEW with FirstNet

FirstNet plans to issue a **request for proposals (RFP)** to work with potential offerors to **build, operate, and maintain** the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) and to acquire **services** and/or, potentially, **equipment** to provide Band 14 Long Term Evolution (LTE) services to public safety entities nationwide. They have recently issued a *Special Notice* and **draft RFP** documents. The **Notice** and **details** can be found at: <http://firstnet.gov/about/doing-business-firstnet>

What's Important NOW: Provide YOUR Input

Help plan the future of Public Safety Broadband in Louisiana. **Complete your agency's survey today!** Access the survey and learn more at: <http://firstnet.louisiana.gov/survey/>

FirstNet encourages stakeholders to provide **written feedback** on the *Special Notice* and **draft RFP** documents. **Comments** and **questions** shall be submitted via email **on or before**, but no later than **12:00 p.m. Eastern Time** on **Monday July 27, 2015**. Details on **how to respond** found here: <http://firstnet.gov/about/doing-business-firstnet>

Did you know?

Why FirstNet was created?

The public safety community fought hard and lobbied Congress to pass legislation establishing a **dedicated, reliable network** for advanced data communications nationwide. During emergencies, emergency services personnel need **priority access and preemption**, which are not available on commercial networks.



Coming NEXT!

Outreach, planning and data collection activities continue. For upcoming activities, access our LA FirstNet calendar at: <http://firstnet.louisiana.gov/calendar/>

- SIEC- Broadband Sub-Committee: **July 1, 2015**
- Broadband Working Group: **July 14, 2015**
- SIEC Meeting: **July 22, 2015**
- Comments and Questions re: RFP due: **July 27, 2015**

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