



What Can Data Do?

SPOC Update

Over the last week, I have seen firsthand how quickly situations can **change**, requiring first responders to **react** in a swift and coordinated manner. The devastation that recent tornadoes and severe weather wrought on our state was widespread. All of our public safety community - EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, 911/PSAPs and Emergency Managers - **worked together**, as they so often do, to **respond** to these affected areas, and **communication** was a **critical component** of that response. Let these tragic events remind us that what we do, **we do together**, and being able to have **interoperable communications** among each other during those **crucial times** is paramount. We will continue to work with FirstNet in planning for the dedicated public safety broadband network that will be built and developed to improve this **critical communications** aspect of our response.



Did you know?

PSAC Task Teams Kick Off:
Local Control and ICAM

The FirstNet Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) is made up of 42 representatives from public safety and local, state, territory and tribal organizations. PSAC offers **guidance**, information, and public safety expertise to FirstNet staff and the Board to ensure that user **needs** and public safety operational **capabilities** are included in the nationwide public safety broadband network.

PSAC members **volunteer** to assist FirstNet and assure that public safety's **voice is heard** in the development of the network.

PSAC will play a substantial role in working through issues such as **Local Control** and **Identity, Credential and Access Management (ICAM)**. FirstNet and PSAC have worked to establish task teams for each of these areas.

More information available at this link: <http://goo.gl/eEHZCI>

FirstNet Focus: RFP



In response to RFP questions received, FirstNet is **extending** the deadline for submitting capability statements, by two weeks, to March 31. As a result, FirstNet is also extending the **deadline** for final RFP proposals by two weeks, from April 29 to May 13. Access more information on the deadline extension here: <http://goo.gl/17gVJE>

FirstNet also **released** the first set of answers to the more than 400 **questions** it received so far on its RFP for the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network. Read the questions and **answers** here: <http://goo.gl/oc7Qi4>



Northeast Louisiana Firefighter's Association, LA FirstNet Briefing

FirstNet Question and Answer Overview:

TOTAL # OF QUESTIONS: MORE THAN 400

BUILDING ON STAKEHOLDER INPUT VIA:



CONSULTATION MEETINGS WITH **55** STATES AND TERRITORIES



650+ QUESTIONS ON DRAFT RFP DOCUMENTS



ABOUT **2,200** PAGES OF COMMENTS ON DRAFT RFP DOCUMENTS



400+ ATTENDEES AT **2** INDUSTRY DAYS



QUESTIONS BY TOPIC AREAS

Administrative
Environmental Subcontracting State Plans
Financial
Devices Pricing Program Coverage
Contract
Legal Evaluation Spectrum
Security Technical
ITOC EOC, Milestones Infrastructure

FAST FACTS:

- MOST QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS & PROCUREMENT PROCESSES
- MANAGED VIRTUAL NETWORK OPERATOR (MVNO) IS AN OPTION FOR SPEED TO DEPLOYMENT; NOT A REQUIREMENT
- CAPABILITIES STATEMENTS ARE OPTIONAL; NOT REQUIRED
- CAPABILITY STATEMENTS DUE: MARCH 31
FINAL RFP PROPOSALS DUE: MAY 13

Coming NEXT!

FirstNet NPSBN Pre-Proposal Conference
Reston, VA
March 10, 2016

SPOC Meeting
Reston, VA
April 12-13, 2016

Louisiana APCO/NENA Symposium
Lake Charles, LA
April 18-19, 2016

SIEC Quarterly Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA
April 27, 2016