

SPOC Update

This week the LA FirstNet team hosted our federal FirstNet partners for a series of meetings; one with key stakeholders that myself, GOHSEP Director James Waskom, the Governor's office, and other first responder agencies attended, another with the LA FirstNet staff to review potential partnering activities, and finally presenting to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) at their



quarterly meeting. The FirstNet staff presented the latest information on the acquisition and consultation plans for 2016 and answered questions from our public safety agencies. I look forward to our **continued collaboration** on implementation of the FirstNet network.

LA FirstNet Focus: State Plans



The Louisiana State Plan will outline FirstNet's proposed plan to deliver the best FirstNet service possible to our state. State Plans will be drafted by FirstNet and its partner using the inputs provided by states and territories. States will not be asked to draft any portion of the State Plan. Within the State Plan, FirstNet will provide technical specifications and requirements for opt-out proposals on topics such as policy compliance, timeframe and cost, and interoperability. This will require a careful and thorough review prior to advising FirstNet of our State's opt-out decision. States that choose to opt-out of a FirstNet deployed Radio Access Network (RAN) will assume the responsibility for the ongoing deployment, operation, maintenance and improvement of the RAN in their State.

Federal FirstNet Focus:



2016 Outreach and Consultation to obtain State inputs via a variety of opportunities:

2016 Consultation Elements





An Enduring Network

The FirstNet network must be a long term tool for the public safety community, and services provided through the network must continue to be meaningful and meet the needs of public safety now and in the future

To achieve these requirements, FirstNet has and will continue to take steps to ensure the longevity and relevance of the NPSBN for the public safety community. For example, with renewals, the term of the agreement resulting from the NPSBN RFP is anticipated to be up to 25 years, which will allow the awardee to confidently invest in the network and in the provision of services to the public safety community, while also serving its commercial users with excess network capacity. Market forces will undoubtedly self-mandate continued awardee investment and upgrades in the network, including implementation of 3GPP standards and other standards as they develop and advance throughout the life of the network.



Coming NEXT!

LEPA/GOHSEP Annual Conference Lake Charles, LA May 2-5, 2016

APCO Broadband Summit Washington, D.C. May 15-18, 2016

Region 6 Outreach Alexandria, LA May 19, 2016

