



What Can Data Do?

SPOC Update

The 2016 EMS World Expo was held in New Orleans in early October. I had the privilege of leading a session on “**The FirstNet Effect: How Change is Coming to EMS Communications**” along with FirstNet Board Member Kevin McGinnis and Senior EMS Advisor Brent Williams. FirstNet President TJ Kennedy gave a keynote address at the Expo and led a discussion on the “Internet of Life Saving Things.” The Expo was an excellent opportunity to see the **life saving technological advances** being made in communications and recognizing the **FirstNet network will be a conduit** for many of these extraordinary communications tools.



Choosing a Partner

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) authorized a request for proposal (RFP) to deploy the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN). The RFP was released in January of 2016 and requested offerors return proposals by May 31, 2016.

FirstNet followed the **federal procurement regulations** to conduct this complex search for a partner in building the NPSBN. The regulations ensure the proposal and evaluation process is **fair and competitive** for all potential offerors.

Mike Poth, FirstNet CEO, recently issued an update on the highly complex acquisition process and stated, “FirstNet will continue to execute the acquisition process outlined in the RFP **beyond the November 1st target date for the award.**” FirstNet remains committed to delivering the network as swiftly as possible.

LA FirstNet Focus: Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)



The PEIS will analyze the likely impacts of the deployment and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network on the **natural and human environment**, in accordance with FirstNet’s responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FirstNet has elected to prepare five regional PEISs. Louisiana is one of 13 states in the South Region which includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. [More about PEIS.](#)

The South Region Draft PEIS has been published in the Federal Register and allows a **public comment period ending December 13, 2016**. FirstNet will facilitate this process by visiting each state to host a public meeting, the Louisiana **meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2016**. [Click here to review the South Region](#)

Coming Next:

Public Meeting:
FirstNet Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
November 1, 2016, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 LA State Police Training Academy
 7901 Independence Blvd., Classroom 5
 Baton Rouge, LA 70806

FirstNet SPOC Fall Meeting
November 16 - 17
 Phoenix, Arizona

FirstNet’s PEIS Process

