

Tribal Telecom 2013

THE ROLE OF BROADBAND IN PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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APCO International: Who We Are

- ▣ World's largest organization of public safety communications professionals
 - ▣ Members include state and local employees of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service departments, as well as 9-1-1 public safety answering points and emergency operations centers
- ***APCO members will be the FirstNet users***

‘Game Changing’ Public Safety Legislation

- ⌘ H.R. 3630 (Public Law 112—96) Enacted in February 2012; major legislative advancements for public safety
 - ⌘ Spectrum: 20 MHz in 700 MHz band
 - ⌘ Funding: \$7B (not a grant program)
 - ⌘ Single governance body: FirstNet – a new way of doing business
 - ⌘ Significant state and local and tribal input mechanism
 - ⌘ Single LTE standards-based national network architecture
 - ⌘ Security, resiliency, cybersecurity
 - ⌘ Public/private partnerships including spectrum and infrastructure sharing
 - ⌘ Data network will drive creation of new “[apps](#)” for first responders, fostering robust [app development ecosystem](#)

State, Local and Tribal Input Essential to Success of Network

- ⌘ Must consult with state, local and tribal public safety entities when ensuring the building, deployment, and operation of the nationwide public safety broadband network
 - ⌘ FirstNet Board established a standing [State, Regional, Local, and Tribal Consultation Committee](#) at first public meeting.
 - ⌘ Committee job is to consult with the Assistant Secretary to ensure success of the congressionally-mandated State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)
- ⌘ FirstNet “[s]hall require deployment phases with substantial rural coverage milestones as part of each phase of the construction and deployment of the network. [§6206(b)(3)]

State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)

“The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the First Responder Network Authority, shall take such action as is necessary to establish a grant program to make grants to States to assist State, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions to identify, plan, and implement the most efficient and effective way for such jurisdictions to utilize and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the nationwide public safety broadband network to satisfy the wireless communications and data services needs of that jurisdiction, including with regards to coverage, siting, and other needs.” [§6302(a)]

SLIGP – Continued

- NTIA released the [requirements](#) under which it will award \$121.5 Million for SLIGP on February 6, 2013. Applications due [March 19, 2013](#).
- All 56 states and territories are eligible.
- Two Phases:
 - Phase 1 (50% of money): planning, consulting, and development activities in preparation for consultations with FirstNet, including strategy and timeline development, meetings, governance planning, and outreach and education efforts
 - Phase 2 (50% of money): will cover States' needs in preparing for additional consultation with FirstNet and planning to undertake data collection activities

SLIGP – Continued

- Evaluation criteria for application includes specific priorities:
 - Create procedures to ensure local and tribal representation and participation in the consultation process with FirstNet;
 - Develop staffing plans that include local and tribal representation to participate in the public safety governance structure and to prepare for data collection activities in consultation with FirstNet;
 - Applications are assessed on how states involve tribes in statewide governance; how the State will ensure adequate representation of tribal interests in the FirstNet consultation
- Each State must designate officer or governmental body to serve as the coordinator of implementation of the SLIGP grant funds

Questions?

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