



# FirstNet™



## Doing Business with FirstNet

### WHAT IS THE FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY (FIRSTNET)?

Signed into law on February 22, 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act created the First Responder Network Authority. The law gives FirstNet the mission to ensure the building, operation and maintenance of the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. FirstNet must provide a single interoperable platform for emergency and daily public safety data communications.

FirstNet is an independent authority within the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration. FirstNet is governed by a 15-member Board consisting of representatives of the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and 12 members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The FirstNet Board is composed of representatives from public safety; local, state and federal government; and the wireless industry.

### HOW DO I DO BUSINESS WITH FIRSTNET?

FirstNet remains focused in its pursuit to deploy a wireless broadband network for public safety and will depend on a strong vendor community to deliver expected results. As such, FirstNet will be open and transparent with vendors, and anticipates hosting industry days and issuing requests for proposals. FirstNet will follow federal procurement regulations where required and meet with vendors as defined below in our current acquisition efforts. Please check the "Doing Business with FirstNet" section of the FirstNet website at [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov) for notices and other updates.

### WHAT ARE THE CURRENT ACQUISITION EFFORTS?

FirstNet is interested in meeting with vendors as part of our market research efforts for a Comprehensive Network request for proposal (RFP) and Network Equipment and Services RFP. More information about these RFPs may be found on the Doing Business with FirstNet section of the FirstNet website at [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov).

To request a meeting with FirstNet for these RFPs, vendors must complete a Vendor Meeting Request Form (available on the website) and email it to [vendorrequest@firstnet.gov](mailto:vendorrequest@firstnet.gov). FirstNet will review and respond to all requests and determine the follow-up actions.