

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Telecommunications and Information Administration**

**First Responder Network Authority Board Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S.

Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Public Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will convene an open public meeting of the Board on September 17, 2014, preceded by meetings of the Board Committees on September 16, 2014.

**DATES:** On September 16, 2014 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time there will be sequential meetings of FirstNet's four Board Committees: (1) Governance and Personnel; (2) Technology; (3) Outreach; and (4) Finance. The full FirstNet Board will hold a meeting on September 17, 2014, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings on September 16 and 17, 2014 will be held at FirstNet's headquarters located in the United States Geological Survey Building -- 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, VA 20192. The meetings will be held in the Dallas L. Peck Auditorium.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243, Reston, VA 20192: telephone (703) 648-4165; email [uzoma@firstnet.gov](mailto:uzoma@firstnet.gov). Please direct media inquiries to Corey Ray at (703) 648-4109.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Board of FirstNet will convene an open public meeting of the Board on September 17, 2014, preceded by meetings of the Board Committees on September 16, 2014.

*Background:* The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Public Law 112–96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), established FirstNet as an independent authority within NTIA that is headed by a Board. The Act directs FirstNet to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet’s operations. The FirstNet Board held its first public meeting on September 25, 2012.

*Matters to be Considered:* FirstNet will post detailed agendas of each meeting on its website, <http://www.firstnet.gov>, prior to the meetings. The agenda topics are subject to change. Please note that the subjects that will be discussed by the Committees and the Board may involve commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, personnel matters, or other legal matters affecting FirstNet. As such, the Committee chairs and Board Chair may call for a vote to close the meetings only for the time necessary to preserve the confidentiality of such information pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

*Times and Dates of September 2014 Meetings:* On September 16, 2014, between 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time there will be sequential meetings of FirstNet’s four committees. The full FirstNet Board meeting will be held on September 17, 2014, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

*Place:* The meetings on September 16 and 17, 2014 will be held at FirstNet’s headquarters located in the United States Geological Survey Building -- 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, VA 20192. The meetings will be held in the auditorium.

*Other Information:* These meetings are open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. In order to get an accurate headcount, all expected attendees are asked to provide notice of intent to attend by sending an email to [BoardRSVP@firstnet.gov](mailto:BoardRSVP@firstnet.gov). If the

number of RSVPs indicates that expected attendance has reached auditorium capacity, FirstNet will respond to all subsequent notices indicating that auditorium capacity has been reached and that in person viewing may no longer be available and that the meeting may still be viewed by webcast as detailed below. For access to the meetings, valid, government issued photo identification may be requested for security reasons.

The meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, at (703) 648-4165 or Uzoma.onyeije@firstnet.gov at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

The meetings will also be webcast. Please refer to FirstNet's Web site at [www.firstnet.gov](http://www.firstnet.gov) for webcast instructions and other information. If you have technical questions regarding the webcast, please contact Ruben Vasquez at (703) 648-4195 or by email at ruben.vasquez@firstnet.gov.

*Records:* NTIA maintains records of all Board proceedings. Board minutes will be available at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet>.

Dated: August 29, 2014.

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