



Doing Business with FirstNet

WHAT IS THE FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY?

Signed into law on February 22, 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet). The Act gives FirstNet the mission to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety.

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 PURSUE POTENTIAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH FIRSTNET?

FirstNet will depend on a strong vendor community to deliver expected results. As such, FirstNet is committed to being open and transparent with vendors and is following federal procurement regulations where required. FirstNet has established an Industry Liaison for all interactions with vendors and other industry organizations. These interactions may be in support of specific procurements or to gain a better understanding of the market and the industry in general. If you have questions, you may contact the Industry Liaison at FirstNetIndustryLiaison@firstnet.gov. Vendors interested in potential business opportunities should complete a Vendor Profile Form, available on the Doing Business with FirstNet webpage, and send it to the Industry Liaison.

In support of its acquisition planning, FirstNet may issue additional Requests for Information (RFIs), hold meetings with vendors, conduct Industry Day type events, or take other actions. All notices related to these activities will be posted on the Doing Business with FirstNet section of the FirstNet website at www.firstnet.gov. During an active procurement, the Contracting Officer designated in the Request for Proposals or other procurement announcement will be the point of contact for that procurement.