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FirstNet's Public Notice Regarding Proposed Interpretations of Parts of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 ("Public Notice")

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

WHERE CAN I FIND THE FULL TEXT OF THE ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR FIRSTNET?

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (the "Act") can be found at [47 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.](#)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ACT?

The Act requires FirstNet to ensure that a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network ("NPSBN"), including the core network and radio access network, is built, deployed, and operated.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF FIRSTNET ISSUING THIS PUBLIC NOTICE AND REQUESTING COMMENT, AND HOW WILL THOSE COMMENTS BE LEVERAGED?

The primary purpose is to seek public comment on issues and statutory interpretations that impact requests for proposals ("RFPs") regarding the building, deployment, and operation of the NPSBN, which FirstNet is charged with ensuring under the Act. Inputs will inform FirstNet on acquisition planning, RFPs, and the legal boundaries of customers able to use the NPSBN. The comments received may also be relied upon to help inform future FirstNet actions, such as the development of network policies.

WHERE CAN I SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE NOTICE?

Written comments may be submitted electronically through www.regulations.gov or by mail to FirstNet, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192, Mail Stop 243, Attention: Responses to FirstNet's Notice and Comment. Written comments will be made part of the public record without change.

IS THERE A MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR COMMENTS?

There is no maximum length for comments to this public notice.

WILL THERE BE AN EX PARTE MEETING OR A REPLY COMMENT PERIOD?

In an effort to avoid any potential conflicts related to the acquisition process, we do not plan to schedule either an ex parte meeting or a reply comment period at this time.

WHAT ISSUES DO YOU ADDRESS IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE?

In the public notice, we seek comments regarding our statutory interpretations of various terms and provisions, including, but not limited to:

- the core network;
- the radio access network;
- the legal scope of all potential users of the NPSBN, including public safety entities, secondary users, and other unspecified users;
- consumer;
- FirstNet's potential service offerings;
- opt-out States' potential service offerings;
- the RFP process;
- the minimum technical requirements for the NPSBN;
- rural;
- substantial rural milestones;
- leveraging existing infrastructure;
- network user fees;
- lease fees related to network capacity;
- network equipment and infrastructure fees; and
- *ex parte* communications.

