WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), which mandates the creation of a nationwide interoperable wireless broadband network that will enable law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to more effectively communicate and perform their missions;

WHEREAS, the Act creates the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within the Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration, charged to take “all actions necessary” to build, deploy, and operate the network, in consultation with state, tribal, federal, and local entities;

WHEREAS, FirstNet has significant operational roles that need to be filled while FirstNet completes its search for a permanent General Manager and before FirstNet completes its business plan;

WHEREAS, Section 5.03 of the Bylaws of FirstNet provides that “the Board or the Chairman may hire (or may delegate to any officer or officers the authority to hire) such individuals either as employees or consultants, as it deems proper and necessary for the operations of FirstNet.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FirstNet Board delegates the authority to the Acting General Manager and the Acting User Advocacy Officer to hire no more than ten FirstNet employees on a term and/or permanent basis before the next scheduled Board meeting. Such positions shall be filled consistent with applicable laws and regulations and may include details of employees from other federal agencies. Upon approval of the business plan and selection of the permanent General Manager, the General Manager will be required to obtain Board or Chairman approval only of officer-level recruitments and selections.

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the First Responder Network Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of the First Responder Network Authority on February 12, 2013, at which a quorum was present and voted.

[Signature]
Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary