

Oklahoma Public Safety Broadband Network Project

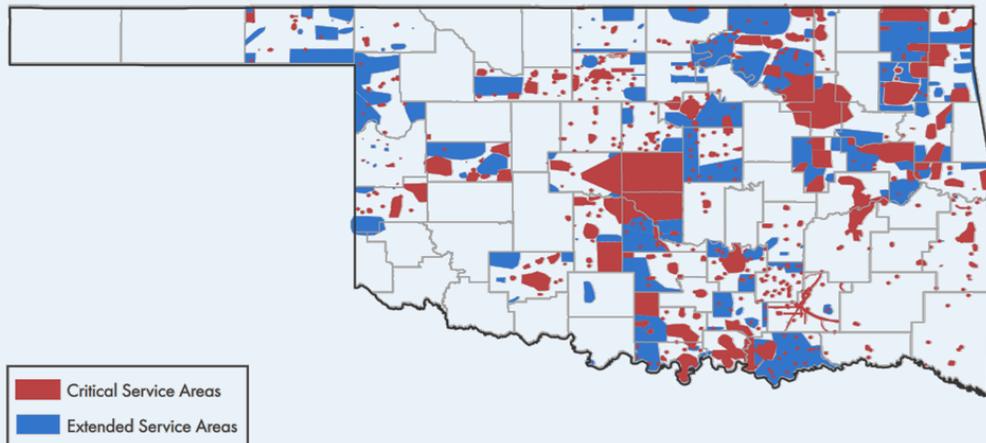


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Project Update

The OKPSBN Project is moving along on several fronts, notably, Governance, Data Gathering, and the establishment of Work Groups. The Governance documents have been drafted, and interviews conducted with 20 representatives of the leadership of active first responders. The objective of this effort is to gain the broadest possible range of input to the Governance Plan, building consensus among the key stakeholders, assuring acceptance by all. The Governance Plan is based on incorporating the existing Statewide Interoperability Governing Board, OKPSBN and the proposed 9-1-1 Management Authority as advisory committees. This will tie LMR, Broadband, and 911 together into a single coordinated governing body. The Communications Services Governing Board will establish sub-committees and regional groups to ensure representation of all the first responders in Oklahoma. The plan also establishes meeting schedules, workflow for the board, sub-committees, and regional groups.

Data Gathering is continuing at a good pace, with the emphasis on completing the User Population Survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OKPSBN_USERPOP) for each Public Safety Entity in the state, and Coverage Reviews for each county and Tribe in Oklahoma. As noted in the last newsletter, the OKPSBN Project Team made the deadline to deliver a data package to FirstNet on September 30, 2015. The entire data package is now available at the OKPSBN Web site (www.ok.gov/publicsafetybroadband/). We still need some help completing coverage reviews for some counties and tribes. The current status of the Data Gathering task is available at the OKPSBN website. The map shown below is an aggregation of the coverage review data we have so far. If your county or tribe is not represented below, please contact us immediately to schedule a meeting and capture your data by emailing OKPSBN@omes.ok.gov



Oklahoma Statewide Critical and Extended Service Area Data

State Plan Decision Process

FirstNet is planning to work with the states on state plans for the next year. The objective is to show us what they have in mind, and give us a chance to comment and improve the plan in an iterative process. To accomplish this task, the OKPSBN is establishing work groups to address the draft plans. There are five work groups: Technical, Financial, Policy, Tribal, and Operations. These groups will be working with the OKPSBN Project Team, FirstNet, and FirstNet's contracted partner to evaluate proposals from FirstNet's team to provide feedback and recommendations with the goal of building the best possible State Plan for Oklahoma. The Kickoff meeting for the work groups is scheduled for June, in OKC.

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Consultation Task Teams

FirstNet has established another process to elicit information from first responders on specific issues that relate to operation of the network, policies, and procedures. The process is called Consultation Task Teams (CTT). FirstNet will be assigning specific tasks to the states, which consist of a reading assignment, on line survey, and a meeting of the CTT to reach consensus and provide a recommendation. The OKPSBN Project Team is responsible for accepting the assignment, putting together the team, facilitating the meeting, and providing the response back to FirstNet in a timely manner. The OKPSBN Project Team will be drawing on first responders from all over the state to work on these assignments as they come from FirstNet.

FirstNet RFP News

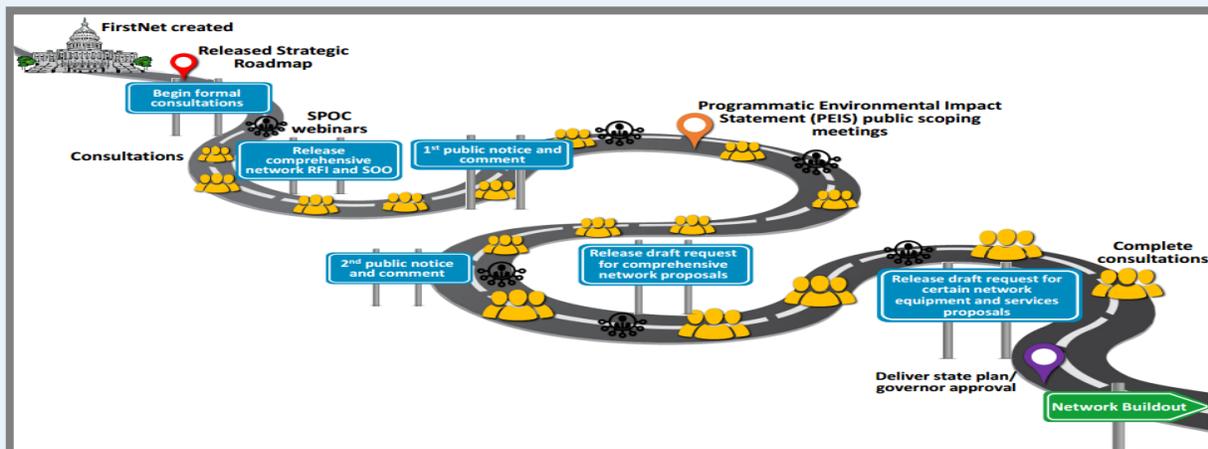
FirstNet released the RFP in January, and responses are due back May 31. FirstNet received 400 questions from 26 entities with regard to the RFP. There is a lot of industry buzz around the RFP and speculation about who the winner could be. Of course, it is too early to call this race! FirstNet Received 65 capability statements as of March 31, 2016. FirstNet is expecting to announce the winner and award the contract in November 2016.

New FirstNet Roadmap Issued in March

During the FirstNet March board meeting, a new roadmap was issued with detail for the steps along the way to Network Deployment and Initial Markets Launch. Some of the milestones of interest:

- RFP Responses due: May 31, 2016
- Focused Consultation/Expanded Outreach: Now through the issuance of the State Plan
- Award RFP for Network Partnership: November 2016
- Draft State Plans: May 2017
- Final State Plans Delivered: August 2017 (subject to change, dependent on actual partner award)
- Governor's Decisions: 90 days after the State Plans are delivered
- National Network Deployment Initial Markets Launch: August 2017 (subject to change as noted above)

The complete three-part roadmap can be found on the OKPSBN website. (www.ok.gov/publicsafetybroadband/)



FirstNet Roadmap

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FirstNet Releases First Set of Answers to RFP Questions;

Extends Deadlines for Capability Statements, Final Proposals

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) has released the first set of answers to the more than 400 questions it received on its Request for Proposal (RFP) for the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network.

Additionally, in response to questions received, FirstNet has extended the deadline for submitting capability statements, which are optional, by two weeks, to March 31. As a result, FirstNet has also extended the deadline for final RFP proposals, from April 29 to May 31.

"We are pleased with the interest and questions we received from industry, states, and public safety regarding the FirstNet RFP," said FirstNet Chief Executive Officer Mike Poth. "This is a vital next step in the iterative process as potential offerors work to craft their proposed solutions to deploy the first-of-its-kind wireless network dedicated to first responders, and FirstNet staff are diligently working to answer each question."

The answers to questions related to the RFP will be provided on a rolling basis as expeditiously as possible, similar to how FirstNet responded to questions to its Special Notice released last year, with the first set of RFP answers available today on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website. If FirstNet determines it is necessary to amend the RFP after reviewing the questions and requests for clarifications, it will work to post such amendments as quickly as possible and may do so in increments.

"The FirstNet RFP was informed by more than a year of open dialogue with public safety, states and territories, tribes, industry, and others," said FirstNet President TJ Kennedy. "This is another opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the process."

The build-up to the RFP release included 13 Requests for Information, a set of draft RFP documents, two Industry Day public events, answers to more than 650 questions related to a draft RFP, and meetings with interested vendors.

Your OKPSBN Project Team

You are encouraged to contact the project team at any time! We would be happy to answer your questions or hear your concerns.

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For more information on the OKPSBN, the NPSBN and FirstNet, please visit the OKPSBN website for all project news and access to in-depth training modules on this subject and others:

http://www.ok.gov/publicsafetybroadband/Public_Safety_Broadband/