



## FIRSTNET COLORADO - HSAC Update - August 8, 2016

### FirstNet (FN) Request for Proposal (RFP)

- Three confirmed responses to FN RFP.
  - Rivada Mercury - <http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/rivada-mercury-unveils-key-partners-team-pursuing-firstnet-contract>
  - Pacific DataVision - <http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/pdvwireless-announces-bid-firstnet-belief-fcc-will-release-noi-900-m?page=1>
  - AT&T - <http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/att-officially-announces-firstnet-bid>
- FN anticipates an award announcement in November 2016, which means the State Plan would possibly be delivered to the Governor in mid to late 2017.

### Colorado Request for Information (RFI)

- Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) received 11 responses to its RFI published this spring. The purpose of this RFI was to provide industry an opportunity to suggest how Colorado may approach an alternative Radio Access Network (RAN) deployment. Responses were from across industry including finance companies, system integrators, infrastructure providers, equipment manufacturers, local telecomm carriers and consultants.
- OIT will use this information to develop an RFP that we anticipate would be published and responses received well before the FN State Plan is provided the Governor. This RFP would provide a baseline for comparison against the FN State Plan for Colorado's stakeholders and the Governor in order to make the best decision for Colorado.
- OIT is finalizing a "network design" that could be used in this RFP. It is a combination of ~1400 possible broadband assets, public and private. An overview of this design will be provided at the next update.

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Public Notice on the State Alternative Plan Program (SAPP)

- <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/fr-sapp-firstnet-rfc-07182016.pdf>
- Responses due by Thursday 8/18
- The Act requires a state to demonstrate:
  - The state has the technical capabilities to operate, and the funding to support, the state RAN
  - The state has the ability maintain ongoing RAN interoperability with the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN)
  - The state has the ability to complete the RAN buildout within specified comparable timelines specific to the state
  - The cost-effectiveness of the state alternative plan
  - The ability to provide RAN security, coverage and quality of service comparable to that of the NPSBN

- The SAPP document outlines NTIA's views on and approach to the "opt-out" or alternative plan process for states. There are many areas of concern, including but not limited to:
  - Specific requirements and network policies will not be made available to states until the FN State Plan is presented to the Governor
  - Concerns with NTIA's ability to "adopt" FN existing legal interpretations and desire to make funds available as a "grant" as opposed to a "cooperative agreement"
  - Appears to make states bear all risks associated with any perceived financial impact to FN or its partner(s)
- We anticipate a similar public comment notice regarding interoperability to come from the Federal Communications Commission at some point.

#### Legal Review of Enabling Legislation and Interpretations

- With federal grant funds and official support of Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) and Colorado Municipal League (CML), OIT will have an arrangement to reimburse time for local government/telecommunications attorney complete a comprehensive review of legislation, interpretations, and other documents to determine the impact to and responsibility of local government within this process.
- OIT is also working with Attorney General's Office and Governor's legal counsel to clearly understand impact to and authority of state agencies and Governor within the context of Colorado constitution, revised statutes and the opt-in/opt-out decision.