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FCC ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR FIRST RESPONDER INTEROPERABILITY

Washington, DC – This Public Notice serves as notice that, pursuant to Section 6203(b)(1)(A) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Spectrum Act),¹ Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) Chairman Julius Genachowski has appointed the following fourteen persons to serve on Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability (Interoperability Board). For each member we identify the statutory category under which that member has been selected pursuant to Section 6203(b)(1)(A) of the Spectrum Act.²

- Steve Proctor, Executive Director, Utah Communications Agency Network (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(iii))
- Colonel Kenneth C. Hughes, Jr., (Ret), Regional Communications Coordinator, New Orleans Urban Area Security Initiative (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(iii))
- Brian Shepherd, Deputy Director, Adams County (Colorado) Communication Center (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(iii)(I))
- Todd Bianchi, Firefighter Paramedic, Washington, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(iii)(II))
- Jim Kohler, Deputy Director, Enterprise Technology Services, Alaska Department of Administration, State of Alaska (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(iv))
- Brenda L. Decker, Chief Information Officer, State of Nebraska (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(iv))
- Charles L. K. Robinson, Director, Business Support Services, City of Charlotte, North Carolina (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(iv))
- Bob Azzi, Senior Vice President, Network, Sprint Nextel Corporation (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(i)(I))
- Diane C. Wesche, Director, Government Network & Technology, Verizon Wireless (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(i)(I))

¹ *See* Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 § 6203(b)(1)(A), Pub. L. No. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012).

² *See id.* § 6203(b)(1)(A).

- Ed Chao, Senior Vice President, Corporate Engineering and Network Operations, MetroPCS Communications, Inc. (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(i)(II))
- Ron Strecker, Chief Executive Officer, Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(i)(III))
- Kenneth C. Budka, Senior Director, Advanced Mission-Critical Communications, Bell Labs Chief Technology Office, Alcatel-Lucent (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(ii))
- Dennis Martinez, Chief Technology Officer, RF Communications Division, Harris Corporation (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(ii))
- Paul Steinberg, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Motorola Solutions, Inc. (*See* Section 6203(b)(1)(A)(ii))

Pursuant to Section 6203(b)(1)(B), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has selected Dereck Orr of the National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) to serve as the Interoperability Board’s fifteenth, non-voting member.³

Section 6203(c) of the Spectrum Act charges the Interoperability Board with developing, in consultation with NTIA, NIST and the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Emergency Communications, “recommended minimum technical requirements to ensure a nationwide level of interoperability for the nationwide public safety broadband network.”⁴ The Interoperability Board must submit these recommendations to the Commission within ninety days of the date the Act was enacted, *i.e.*, by May 22, 2012.⁵

The Interoperability Board’s members were selected from a large pool of qualified applicants. The Chairman thanks each of these members in advance for their substantial commitment of time and energy to serve on the Interoperability Board. The Chairman also thanks those applicants not selected for their interest in serving and for their continued dedication to nationwide interoperability.

For further information, please contact Jennifer A. Manner, Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at 202-418-3619 or jennifer.manner@fcc.gov.

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³ *See id.* § 6203(b)(1)(B).

⁴ *See id.* § 6203(c).

⁵ *See id.* § 6203(c)(1).