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TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR FIRST RESPONDER INTEROPERABILITY ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR PUBLIC WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 23, 2012

Washington, DC – This Public Notice announces the agenda for the public workshop that the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability (Interoperability Board) will hold on April 23, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Federal Communications Commission (Commission) headquarters, 445 12th St, SW, Washington, D.C., 20554. The purpose of this workshop is to collect additional input on topic areas that the Interoperability Board has determined are relevant to the development of minimum technical requirements to ensure a nationwide level of interoperability for the nationwide public safety broadband network.¹

The Interoperability Board was established under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Spectrum Act) to develop recommended minimum technical requirements to ensure a nationwide level of interoperability for a nationwide public safety broadband network.² Pursuant to the Spectrum Act, the Interoperability Board must submit these recommendations to the Commission by May 22, 2012.³ The Commission must then transmit these recommendations with possible revisions to the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), the entity the Spectrum Act charges with overseeing the development of the network.⁴ The Spectrum Act then requires FirstNet to incorporate the recommended requirements, without material change, into its Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to construct, operate and manage the network.⁵

The workshop will consist of four, 45-minute moderated panel discussions.

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks:** Jamie Barnett, Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
- 9:10 a.m. Introductory Remarks:** Chris Essid, Director, Office of Emergency Communications, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

¹ See Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability Announces Public Workshop Scheduled for April 23, 2012, *Public Notice*, DA 12-538 (rel. Apr. 3, 2012).

² See Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 § 6203(c)(1), Pub. L. No. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* § 6203(c)(3).

⁵ *Id.* § 6206(b)(1)(B).

- 9:15 a.m. Introduction of the Members of the Interoperability Board**
Opening Remarks: Charles Robinson, City of Charlotte, NC; Chairman of the Interoperability Board
- 9:30 a.m. Panel 1: The Scope of the Recommendations Developed by the Interoperability Board**
- Brian Fontes, CEO, National Emergency Number Association
 - Anna Gomez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
 - Robert LeGrande, Advisor to the City of Baton Rouge, LA
 - Jeff Cohen, Chief Counsel – Law and Policy Director of Government Relations, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
 - Moderator: Charles Robinson, City of Charlotte, NC; Chairman Interoperability Board
- 10:15 a.m. Panel 2: Standards, Interfaces, Guidelines; User Equipment and Device Management; Network Evolution**
- Tom Sorley, Chair, National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) Technology Committee
 - Ajit Kahaduwe, Head of Industry Environment – North America, Nokia Siemens Networks
 - Patrik Ringqvist, Vice President, Wireless Network Solutions, Ericsson
 - Martin Dolly, Lead Member of the Technical Staff, Core Network and Government Regulatory Standards, AT&T
 - Moderator: Paul Steinberg, Motorola Solutions, Member of the Interoperability Board
- 11:00 a.m. Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Panel 3: Mobility and Handover; Grade of Service; Prioritization and Quality of Service**
- Pat Amodio, Chief Engineer, DHS Joint Wireless Program Management Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
 - Roger Quayle, Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder, IPWireless
 - Robert Wilson, Telecommunications Manager, Wyoming Department of Transportation, State of Wyoming
 - Scott C. Somers, Vice Mayor, Mesa City Council, City of Mesa, AZ
 - Moderator: Kenneth Budka, Alcatel-Lucent, Vice Chairman of the Interoperability Board
- 12:00 p.m. Panel 4: Security**
- Mark Adams, Director, Principal Architect, Networks and Communications, Northrop Grumman
 - Thomas Farley, Senior Systems Engineer, Network Centric Systems, Raytheon
 - Matt Schnell, Supervisor of Telecommunications, Nebraska Public Power
 - Mark Althouse, Technical Director – Mobility Mission Management, National

Security Administration

- Moderator: Brian Shepherd, Adams County, Colorado, Member of the Interoperability Board

12:45 p.m. Closing Remarks: Kenneth Budka, Alcatel-Lucent; Vice Chairman, Interoperability Board

The workshop will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Individuals interested in attending this event must pre-register on-line at <http://transition.fcc.gov/pshs/event-registration.html>, where they will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Deandrea Wilson at Deandrea.Wilson@fcc.gov or via phone at 202-418-0703 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, April 20, 2012.

At the request of the Interoperability Board, the Commission has established a public docket, PS Docket 12-74, in which parties may submit materials for the Interoperability Board's consideration.

Audio/video coverage of the forum will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The FCC's webcast is free to the public. Those who watch the live video stream of the event may email event-related questions to livequestions@fcc.gov. Depending on the volume of questions and time constraints, the panel moderators will work to respond to as many questions as possible during the workshop. A transcript of this Workshop will be made available in PS Docket 12-74.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the meeting, 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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