

**June 18, 2014**

**To: David M. Buchanan, Director of State Consultation**

**Fr: Warren Dupuis, Montana FirstNet Single Point of Contact**

**Re: Initial Consultation Package Appendix 1 – Readiness Checklist**

David, below please find responses to your request for information as FirstNet prepares for the initial consultation meeting with Montana.

**Question #1, Governance Body:** The Montana Statewide Interoperability Governing Board (SIGB) derives its authority from the Governors Executive Order 10-2013. The SIGB is an advisory board to the Governor administratively attached to the Montana Department of Administration. The SIGB has 13 voting members and 2 non-voting members. The non-voting members are the representatives from the Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA) and the Montana Independent Telecommunications System (MITS). SIGB members represent their constituencies and are empowered to speak on behalf of their respective associations and agencies. The SIGB's authority is limited to oversight of the SCIP Plan, Statewide Trunked Radio System and FirstNet development/deployment. The SIGB does not enter into contracts or operate federal, state or local programs.

Question #1	Document Purpose	Document Attached
<b>Governance Body</b>	Defines the authority and purpose of the Statewide Interoperability Governing Board (SIGB) and Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC)	 EO-10-2013_Continuing_Statewide_Interc
<b>SIGB website</b>	SIGB Charter, Bylaws, Members, Minutes and other pertinent information	<a href="http://sitsd.mt.gov/policy/councils/sigb/default.mcp">http://sitsd.mt.gov/policy/councils/sigb/default.mcp</a>

**Question #2, Montana Consultation Meeting Attendees:** In addition to the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for FNN/SLIGP, the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and the Statewide Interoperability Governing Board (SIGB) are proposed for invitation to the initial consultation meeting. The SIGB members and their alternates are listed in the Table below.

SIGB members may request their alternate to attend either in addition to the member's attendance or in lieu of the member's attendance.

SIGB members represent the first responder disciplines and local governments. The representatives will take Initial Consultation meeting materials and results back to their respective memberships.

Question #2	Document Purpose	Document Attached
<b>Proposed Attendees</b>	List of SIGB Members with contact information	 Name.pdf

**Question #3, Scheduling:** The SPOC proposes, with SIGB concurrence, that the initial consultation meeting(s) be scheduled during the regularly scheduled monthly SIGB meetings. SIGB meetings are usually held in room 152 of the State Capitol Building and may last 3-4 hours. Typically, at SIGB meetings, there are 13 to 15 members and alternates at the Table with 5 to 10 staff, alternates and interested parties in the audience for a total of 25. Room 152 can accommodate up to 40 persons. The Capitol meeting rooms are equipped with audio-visual equipment. The OEC sponsored Broadband SCIP Workshop was held at this venue. The initial consultation meeting will be scheduled in accordance with FNN's meeting agenda time requirements. **If the second day of the initial consultation meeting cannot be booked for room 152, an alternative venue will be identified for one or both of the required meeting days. Potential meeting dates for FNN consideration are: July 8-9, August 12-13, September 9-10, October 14-15 or November 18-19, 2014.**

**Question #4, Wireless Contract Vehicles:** The State of Montana purchases wireless services from Verizon. There are two contract vehicles: Verizon State Contract and Verizon WSCA Contract. A pdf file "Verizon\_MT\_4Q\_13 is attached. The file lists fourth quarter wireless handset usage by state agency, number of cell phones and cost.

Question #4	Document Purpose	Document Attached
<b>Wireless Contract Vehicles</b>	State of Montana 4Q billing and usage information by agency for wireless services	 State_Wireless_4Q_Data.pdf

**Question #5, Outreach Plan:** SIGB members include state associations of fire chiefs, volunteer fire, police chiefs, sheriffs, emergency medical services, and county and city governments. The SIGB association members are a direct conduit to their respective

disciplines, memberships and constituencies. Moreover, the telecommunications providers associations, MITS and MTA, are SIGB members. The member telecommunication companies serve Montana cities, towns and counties and are an important component of outreach to local and tribal governments.

For the purposes of FirstNet outreach as stated in the Montana SLIGP Grant, the state is divided into six (6) geographic areas with a series of three meetings planned in each region. Also, the OR Plan includes opening lines of communication with Montana’s seven tribal nations through two avenues: 1) the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs sits on the SIGB and has daily communications with the seven federally recognized tribes; and, 2) the Montana SLIGP Program has identified a Native American Outreach Coordinator who will work in coordination with the Office of Indian Affairs and has direct access to the seven (7) Tribal Governments.

**Montana SLIGP only uses FirstNet sanctioned outreach materials such as the examples displayed in “Outreach Materials” below.**

Question #5	Document Purpose	Document Attached
<b>SLIGP Outreach Plan</b>	Introduce FNN to potential public safety users across Montana and ascertain local public safety broadband needs	 SLIGP_OR_Grant_Qu estion.pdf
<b>Montana Tribal Nations</b>	Link to seven (7) Montana Tribal Governments and Officers with additional information about the respective Tribe and its culture	<a href="http://tribalnations.mt.gov/tribalnations.asp">http://tribalnations.mt.gov/tribalnations.asp</a>
<b>Outreach Materials</b>	FNN OR Materials	 Law Enforcement Factsheet (SPOC).pd   EMS Factsheet (SPOC ).pdf   LMR Factsheet (SPOC).pdf   Fire Factsheet (SPOC).pdf

<p><b>Outreach Presentations</b></p>	<p>These are presentations about FirstNet made by the SPOC to the Montana Legislative Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee, the Montana Telecommunications Association and the SIGB.</p>	 FirstNet Update ETIC 130912.pdf  FirstNet Update 26Nov13.pdf  FirstNet Update SIGB 130618.pdf  FirstNet Update 26Nov13.pdf  FirstNet Update MTA 130806.pdf
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**Question #6, Barriers that could impede the ability to fully participate in the consultation process:**

The Montana Information Technology Act prohibits the state government and its political subdivisions from competing with private internet providers. The Legislative Motion (Attachment D), states: "...and must prohibit the use of FirstNet to compete with private telecommunications providers, pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 17, part 6". The statute does not limit the private IP providers from doing business with FirstNet but may limit the State of Montana's participation.

Accordingly, the State of Montana leases an in-state fiber infrastructure from VisionNet, a privately held telecommunications consortia. The State of Montana manages its Network known as Summitnet. The leased fiber generates approximately \$6.9 million in annual revenue for commercial service providers.

The Panel Discussion Summary Notes discusses the geographic and political climate in Montana with regards to FirstNet.

Question #6	Document Purpose	Document Attached
<p><b>Legal Barriers</b></p>	<p>MITA section 2-17-603. Government competition with private internet services providers prohibited.</p>	 MITA(2).pdf

	SPOC geographic and political barrier(s) summary Panel Discussion Notes.	 panel discussion Summary.pdf
	Montana Legislature meets bi-annually for 90 days. Legislative authorizations must be obtained in a limited window of time and through a complicated legislative process.	 Bill Becomes Law Flyer.pdf
	From the 2013 Legislative Session Motion passed by the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government	 Attachment D, Legislative Motion.pdf

**Other pertinent Information:** Montana has 56 counties and 127 cities and towns that operate 53 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's). The majority of fiber (backhaul) infrastructure is privately held. The Statewide Trunked Radio and Microwave Relay sites and equipment are owned by local governments with limited state agency ownership by the Montana Highway Patrol and Montana Department of Transportation.

Other Pertinent Information:		
<b>State of Montana SummitNet</b>	Maps of State of Montana MPLS Core, Aggregation and Video Network "SummitNet" riding on leased infrastructure from "VisionNet"	 State of the State - 2-27-14.pdf
<b>Privately held Montana Telecommunications Assets</b>	Montana Independent Telecommunications Carriers Advanced Services/Facilities Map	 MITS Advanced services Facility Map.
<b>Privately held Montana Telecommunications Assets</b>	Mid-Rivers Communications Cellular Home Service Area Map	 MidRivers map Cellular Apr_2013_PC
<b>Privately held Montana Telecommunications Assets</b>	Vision Net Educational Sites	 Vision Net Education Map (2) 2012.pdf
<b>Statewide Trunked Radio and Microwave Rely Sites</b>	DHS funded trunked radio and MW relay infrastructure, preponderantly owned by local governments.	 PSCS_20130130_MicrowaveStatus.pdf

<p><b>MITS Comments on Draft Initial Consultation Response</b></p>		 MITS Comments.docx
<p><b>MTA Comments on Draft Initial Consultation Response</b></p>		 MTA Comments.docx
<p><b>Reply to MTA and MITS Comments from a State of Montana perspective</b></p>		 Reply_MITS_MTA.docx
<p><b>Comment from Patrick Lonergan, Montana Fire Chiefs Association representative on the SIGB</b></p>	<p>“I don’t see any issues with the letter. I noticed that the microwave map is from January 2013, would it be better to use a newer map that isn’t 15 months old?”--PL</p>	<p><b>Reply:</b> the January 2013 microwave map is the most current map available. The infrastructure has not changed in the last 15 months.—DS/PSCB</p>
	<p><b>*Note:</b> MITS and MTA will forward additional service area asset maps from member companies as they are received.</p>	

**Appendix 2 – Requested Discussion Topics:** I will provide an update on relevant activities and issues in Montana, generally along the lines of the Discussion Topics listed in Appendix 2. The materials provided in Appendix 1 answer the questions you propose for discussion in Appendix 2 with the exception of items #6 and #7. Staff will research and provide a list of Public Safety Meetings and Events and Major State Events in preparation for the Initial Consultation Meeting(s).

From a State-side perspective, we are interested in knowing FirstNet’s deployment plans for Montana and its seven (7) federally recognized Tribal Nations. When we are briefed on the nature and extent of FirstNet’s business plan, we will be positioned to provide reliable information to the Montana and Tribal Public Safety Community.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the FirstNet Initial Consultation Information Request. I recommend that you schedule the meeting(s) as soon as possible so staff can reserve the venue. If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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