



FIRSTNET DATA COLLECTION PROJECT

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FirstNet Update

On March 30, 2017, FirstNet and AT&T entered into a contract to build and manage the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). The 25-year agreement includes success-based payments to AT&T of \$6.5 billion over the five-year build plan. AT&T intends to spend approximately \$40 billion over the life of the contract for the system and will utilize AT&T's network assets, valued at more than \$180 billion.

FirstNet has established an aggressive plan for its first 100 days from contract award, including reviews of the design, product and service roadmap, device roadmap, network implementation plans, and mission-critical services roadmaps. Perhaps most important to Florida's public safety entities, FirstNet also intends to deliver the State Plan, which will communicate FirstNet's specific intentions regarding its service in Florida. The State Plan is expected to include service, device costs, coverage plans, and other elements regarding the public safety broadband service.

Regional Workshops

The team completed seven regional workshops in the first two weeks of April. The project team also provided updates about the project, FirstNet, and facilitated requirements-gathering activities.

The first requirements gathering session focused on agencies' "must-have" FirstNet capabilities. During this process, participants provided service attributes needed for them to adopt FirstNet's service in various categories including those related to customer service and coverage. Coverage, capacity, cost, system uptime, and deployable coverage solutions were among the top "must-haves" identified.

During the second session, there was an open discussion about the public safety application gaps. The stakeholders provided several compelling ideas regarding their application needs.

Thank you to all the workshop participants for your excellent feedback!

Get Involved!

Calling all agencies! We need your survey responses!

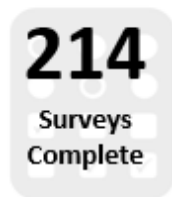
Even if you have already completed your survey, we still need your help! While we continue to receive survey responses, most agencies have not submitted a response. Identifying the number of public safety personnel in the state, your operational areas, the number and types of devices in use, and the way you purchase broadband services are all important parts of understanding how you currently use your network and what you will ultimately need from the NPSBN. Because needs can vary based on geographic area and discipline, it's particularly important that we hear from each agency. We have received great information to date and wish to encourage disciplines that are currently underrepresented in our data—including fire and ambulance departments—to take a few moments to fill out the survey and tell us about your agencies and how you use your current networks.

Please make sure your agency has submitted a survey response by following this [link](#). If your agency's survey is already complete, please consider helping us to get other agencies to participate. If you notice that other agencies in your county or adjacent counties have not submitted survey responses, please encourage them to submit a survey [here](#).

Project Status

Our team continues to make progress engaging with public safety agencies, collecting requirements, and educating public safety personnel on FirstNet. While our survey response rate is lower than anticipated, we do appreciate the 214 surveys completed thus far.

We also appreciate the participants who helped us make tremendous progress in March on our coverage reviews. As of April 14, we have conducted 60 of 67 county coverage reviews, with more on the calendar in the coming weeks.



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For More Information

For more information on the project, please visit www.floridanet.gov and review our previous newsletters:

- [December 2016 Newsletter](#)
- [January 2017 Newsletter](#)
- [February 2017 Newsletter](#)
- [March 2017 Newsletter](#)

FirstNet FAQ

- [FirstNet Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

In the News

- [FirstNet Partners with AT&T to Build Wireless Broadband Network for America's First Responders](#)
- [It's official: AT&T awarded historic FirstNet contract](#)
- [Judge's Decision Offers Insights into FirstNet's Contract Award Process](#)
- [AT&T, FirstNet officials provide new perspectives on governors' 'opt-out' decision process](#)
- [Officials promise preemption for public-safety subscribers across FirstNet and AT&T networks](#)

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