Opt-out State completes a Request for Proposal and has an additional 60 days to submit Alternative State Plan to FCC for approval.

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) authorized the State Alternative Plan Program (SAPP) which establishes a spectrum capacity leasing authority and radio access network (RAN) construction grant program for states that seek to build, operate, maintain, and improve their state's RAN, as part of the national public safety broadband network (NPSBN) rather than accepting the FirstNet Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) proposal.

FCC review

Day 1

FirstNet provides Official Notification to the Governors and NTIA released the Funding Level Determinations.

Day 90

Governors have until the 90th day to make opt-in/opt-out decision.

Day 270

Opt-out State completes a Request for Proposal and has an additional 60 days to submit Alternative State Plan to FCC for approval.

The Opt-Out Process

FirstNet begins RAN Construction consistent with the State Plan.

+ 90 Days

FCC provides decision on Alternative State Plan interoperability review.

NTIA review

After FCC approval, State or Territory ("State") submits a grant application to NTIA for the right to enter into a Spectrum Manager Lease Agreement (SMLA) with FirstNet and, optionally, for a grant to construct the RAN.

Execute SMLA with FirstNet

NTIA provides decision on grant application to State.

State begins RAN construction

After NTIA approval, State executes the SMLA with FirstNet.

Once the SMLA is successfully executed, opt-out States may begin RAN construction.

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