



## FIRSTNET BOARD MEETING

Discussion of Office Locations

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# EVALUATING OFFICE LOCATIONS

## Management Process for Analyzing Preferred Office Locations

1. Align with the FEMA/DHS regions (not adjust the states in a region).
2. Leverage collocation by putting a regional office with the Headquarters or technical office.
3. Establish public safety experience centers with/near two regional offices preferable east and west of Mississippi.
4. Maximize proximity to user communities (minimize travel).
5. Identify and evaluate proximity to major airports.
6. Find locations that will increase talent pool (technical, PS and operational).
7. Leverage proximity to key Dept of Commerce and Public Safety constituents
8. Collocate technical and outreach staff, wherever possible
9. Distribute Operations and Technology resources nationwide based on operational demands
10. Geographically dispersed hardened Network Operation Centers and data centers will be determined at a later time.
11. Develop additional information needed for National Environmental Policy Act review and documentation of locational decision.

## 2014 – PREFERRED OFFICE LOCATIONS

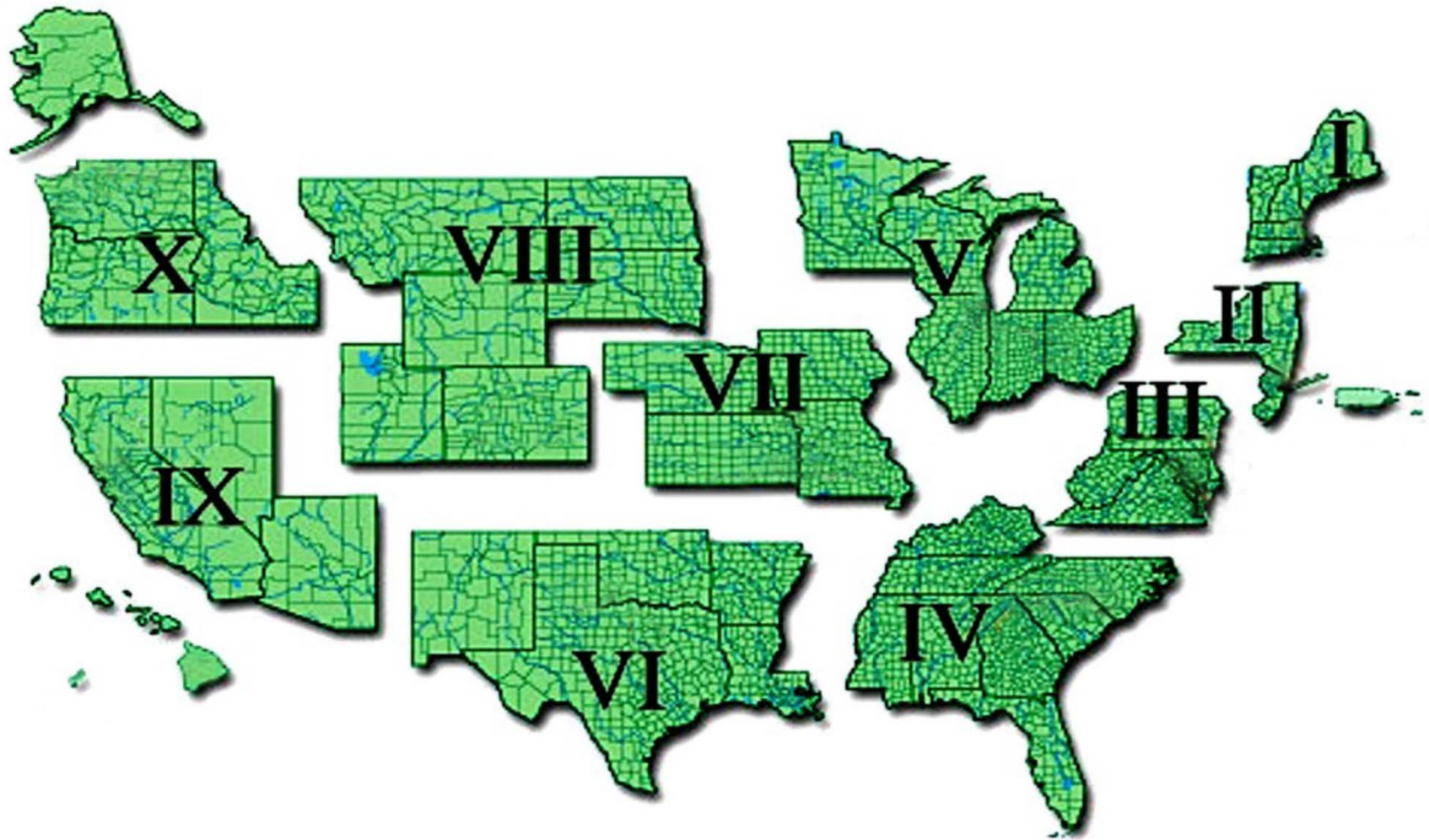
### Northern Virginia: FirstNet Headquarters, User Advocacy and Outreach Location

- Proximity to Department of Commerce, NTIA and the Washington D.C. Beltway
- Outreach access to sizable population of First Responders in Mid-Atlantic area. (FEMA REGION III)
- Access to several Public Safety Associations and Organizations located in or around Washington D.C.
- A high concentration of wireless, technical and Public Safety expertise in the country

### Boulder, CO Area: Technical Staff Concentration, User Advocacy and Outreach Location

- Home to the Department of Commerce Laboratories, which houses the Public Safety Communications Research Program (PSCR)
  - The PSCR has been a primary technical advisor to public safety on communication issues for 20 years and operates a unique multi-vendor over-the-air Band Class 14 LTE network in the Boulder area
  - PSCR has received official recognition for its work on public safety communications from the Department of Commerce
- Boulder has been ranked the most educated city in the United States
- Denver/Boulder has long been recognized as a leading telecommunications hub and home of telecommunications talent
- Denver/Boulder has been ranked as one of the best cities for technology startups and innovation
- Boulder is internationally recognized as a key center for research and development activity

## PROPOSED FY2015 OFFICE LOCATIONS



In FY2014/2015, regional offices will be established in the FEMA regions, and two experience centers will be created, one in Boulder, Co and the other in Northern Virginia.