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OPSC Priorities

- ✓ NTIA's duties under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (the Act), which created FirstNet.
- ✓ Administer grant programs related to public safety communications.

OPSC Activities

Statutory oversight responsibilities include:

- Review and Approval of FirstNet Fees
- State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)
For more information:
IWCE Session: Getting and Using Grant Money
Friday at 9:45am
- Spectrum Negotiation and Alternative Planning Program (SNAPP)
- Next Generation 911 Grant Program

FirstNet Fees - Relevant Statutory Provisions

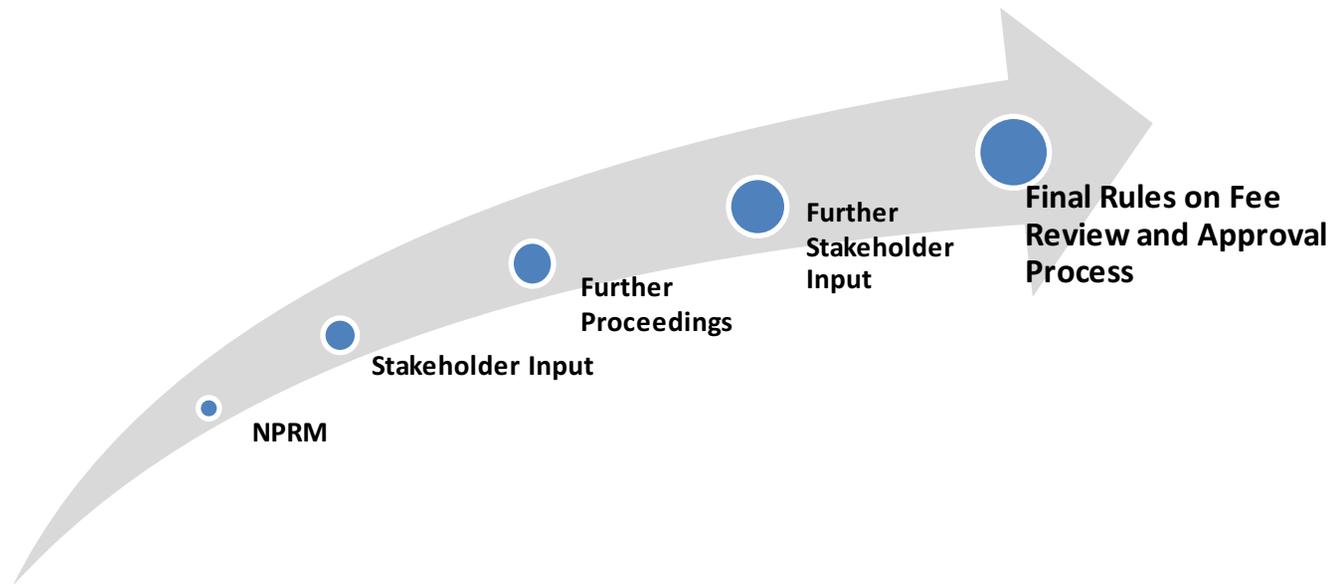
- FirstNet must ensure the building, operation, and maintenance of a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN).
- FirstNet may assess:
 - Network user fees;
 - Spectrum lease fees related to network capacity under Covered Leasing Agreements;
 - Fees from access to or use of any equipment or infrastructure constructed or otherwise owned by FirstNet.
- The total amount of FirstNet's fees must be sufficient, but shall not exceed the amount necessary, to recoup FirstNet's total expenses in carrying out its duties under the Act.
- FirstNet's fees must be reviewed by NTIA, and may only be assessed if approved by NTIA.
- The Act encourages partnerships that could produce non-fee based support to FirstNet.

FirstNet Fees - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

- **Focus:** NTIA proposes a fee review approach compatible with FirstNet's need to operate in a competitive marketplace.
- **Scope:** Examines whether the fees are, in aggregate and in combination with non-fee revenue, sufficient, but not in excess of, the funds needed for FirstNet to carry out its statutory obligations.
- **Methodology:** NTIA will utilize FirstNet's regular budget, audit, and accounting outputs and retrospectively examine prior fiscal year actual revenues and expenses.
- **Fees Reviewed:** Statute authorizes NTIA review of only three types of fees; non-fee revenue reviewed as part of budget process.
- NTIA proposes to not evaluate the reasonableness, or similar subjective attributes, of the specific fees proposed by FirstNet.

FirstNet Fees – Regulatory Path

- The NPRM sought input on NTIA’s overall direction of review and approval of FirstNet-proposed fees.
- NTIA will issue additional notices reflecting on comments received as well as additional issues for public comment.



Spectrum Negotiation and Alternative Planning Program (SNAPP) - Background

The Act requires that FirstNet's NPSBN will consist of a core network and a radio access network (RAN) that links to the core to ensure a single, interoperable nationwide network.

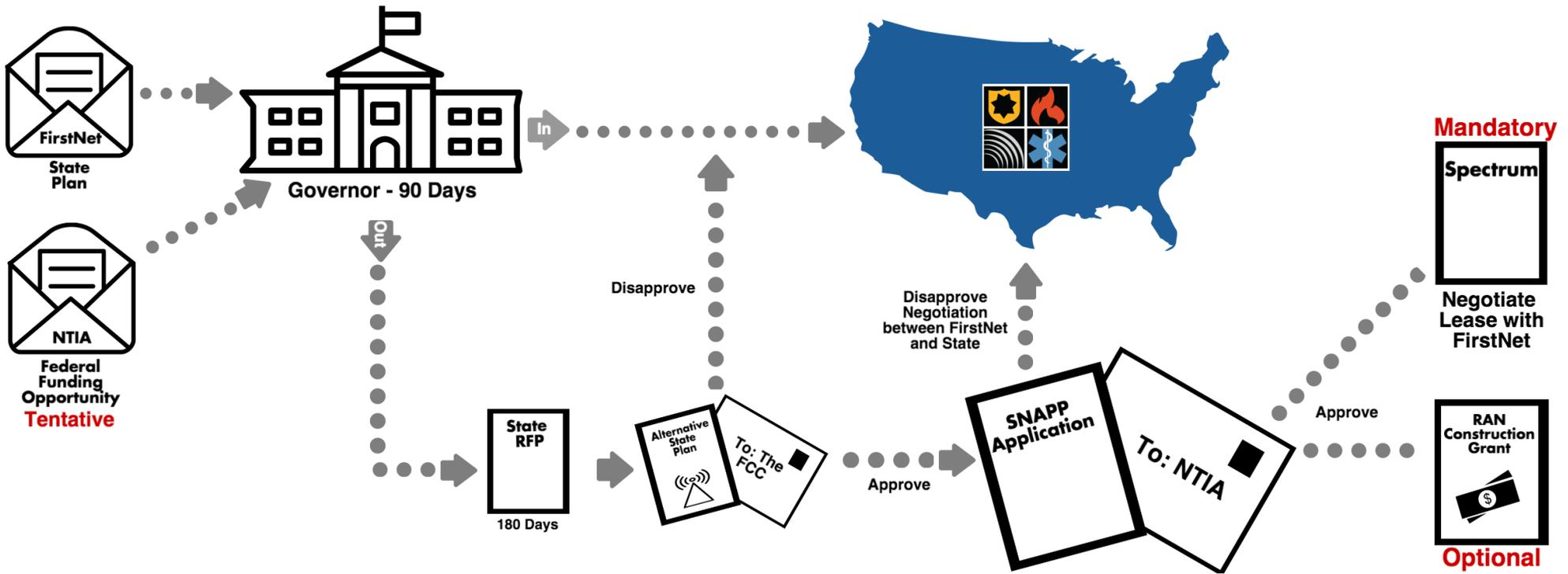


States and territories may decide to “opt-out” of FirstNet construction of the RAN in their state. If they opt-out, states accept responsibility to construct, operate, maintain, and improve their own RAN that still must connect to the FirstNet core.

To obtain spectrum from FirstNet and get a grant for RAN construction, a state must demonstrate to NTIA that it has the ability to build, operate, maintain, and improve a RAN that interoperates with the NPSBN.

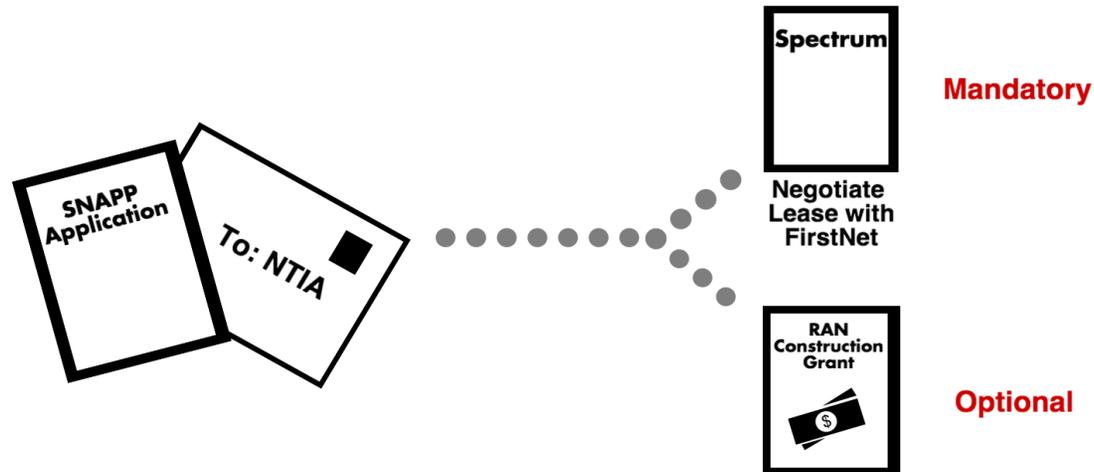


SNAPP – Understanding the Process



SNAPP – Understanding the Program

- SNAPP is designed for states and territories that seek to construct, operate, maintain, and improve the RAN in their state.
- States **must** apply to NTIA for the right to enter into negotiations for spectrum lease agreement with FirstNet and they **may** apply for a grant to go towards the cost of building the RAN.
- There will be one application and set of criteria regardless of whether a state applies for one or both.



SNAPP – The Public Notice

NTIA will release a Public Notice regarding SNAPP that will outline statutory criteria from the Act

The Notice discusses the 5 showings a state must make to receive the right to enter into spectrum lease with FirstNet and obtain potential RAN Construction grant:

- Technical capability and funding to operate and support the state RAN;
- Ability to maintain ongoing interoperability with FirstNet’s nationwide network;
- Ability to complete the project within comparable timelines;
- Cost effectiveness of the State Alternative Plan; and
- Comparable security, coverage, and quality of service to the FirstNet State Plan.

Questions? Comments?



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