FirstNet provides State Plan and NTIA releases the grant guidance and state funding level.

Governor makes opt-in/opt-out decision.

Opt-out state completes a Request for Proposal and submits Alternative State Plan to FCC for approval.

FCC provides decision on whether the Alternative State Plan will be interoperable with FirstNet.

After FCC approval, state submits a grant application to NTIA for the right to enter into a Spectrum Capacity Lease Agreement (SCLA) with FirstNet and may apply for grant to construct RAN.

NTIA provides decision on grant application to state.

After NTIA approval, state finalizes and executes the SCLA with FirstNet.

Once the SCLA is successfully executed, opt-out states may begin RAN construction.

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.

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