

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="12/19/2017"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
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<b>State Use Only:</b>		
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<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Office of the Governor, Bureau of Information Technology"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="660431678"/>	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="0901018380000"/>	
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* City: <input type="text" value="St Thomas"/>	County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text" value="VI: Virgin Islands of the U.S."/>	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="00802-0000"/>	
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Department Name: <input type="text" value="Bureau of Info Technology"/>	Division Name: <input type="text" value="Bureau of Info Technology"/>	
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**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

A: State Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

F: U.S. Territory or Possession

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

National Telecommunications and Information Admini

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

11.549

CFDA Title:

State and Local Implementation Grant Program

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

2018-NTIA-SLIGP-2

\* Title:

State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) 2.0

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

2018-NTIA-SLIGP-2

Title:

State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) 2.0

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

United States Virgin Islands Territorial Public Safety Wireless Broadband Network

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="550,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="550,000.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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\*\* I AGREE

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\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

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\* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed:

**BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs**

OMB Number: 4040-0006  
Expiration Date: 01/31/2019

**SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY**

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)	11.549	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ 550,000.00	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ 550,000.00
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<b>5. Totals</b>		\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ 550,000.00	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ 550,000.00

**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (5)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)				
a. Personnel	\$ 240,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 240,000.00
b. Fringe Benefits	108,000.00				108,000.00
c. Travel	33,040.00				33,040.00
d. Equipment	0.00				0.00
e. Supplies	18,560.00				18,560.00
f. Contractual	140,000.00				140,000.00
g. Construction	0.00				0.00
h. Other	10,400.00				10,400.00
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	550,000.00				\$ 550,000.00
j. Indirect Charges					\$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$ 550,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 550,000.00
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES				
(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS
8. State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
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SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$ <input type="text" value="270,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="66,666.67"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="66,666.67"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="66,666.66"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="70,000.00"/>
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SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT				
(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (YEARS)			
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16. State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP)	\$ <input type="text" value="275,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text" value="275,000.00"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
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SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION	
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23. Remarks:

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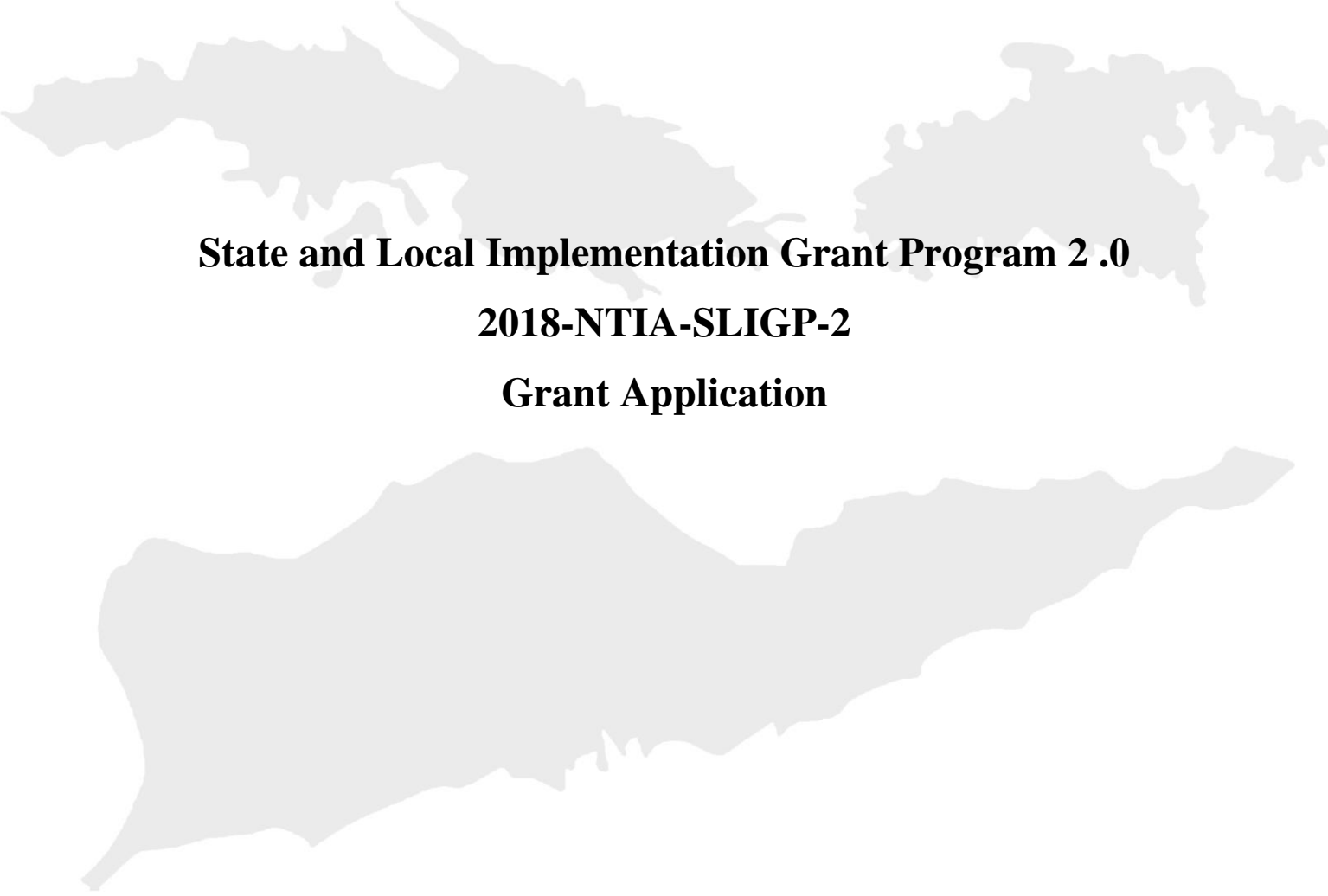
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**State and Local Implementation Grant Program 2 .0  
2018-NTIA-SLIGP-2  
Grant Application**

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# APPLICATION NARRATIVE

## BACKGROUND

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) establishes the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and authorizes FirstNet to take all actions necessary to ensure the design, construction, and operation of a nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN). The Act further directs NTIA to establish a grant program to assist state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions with identifying, planning, and implementing the most efficient and effective means to use and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the NPSBN.

To support the directives of the Act, the NTIA established the State and Local Interoperability Grant Program (SLIGP), which provides funding to help states satisfy the statutory consultation requirement and to ensure the success of this congressionally mandated program. In 2013 SLIGP allocated \$515,628 in funding to the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) to support planning, consultation, and data collection activities related to the establishment of the USVI component of the NPSBN.

In preparation for the territory's initial consultation meeting with FirstNet and to the requirements of SLIGP, numerous federal, local, and volunteer agencies came together to determine wireless data needs, challenges, coverage expectations and limitations, current operating systems, and infrastructure needs for public safety agencies operating in the USVI. In support of this effort, data was collected and summarized in the form of graphs and charts to document the findings of federal, and local public safety wireless data usage and the initial desired condition of the USVI integration into the NPSBN. This formulated the basis for describing the public safety needs for the USVI centric plan as part of the NPSBN. The territory's Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) has been updated to include the goal of FirstNet and the public safety needs that it's expected to address.

## SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As a requirement of the SLIGP, FirstNet established goals that the USVI has satisfied over the period of performance. The FirstNetVI has demonstrated to NTIA that the territory is on track to accomplish these activities by the end of the grant period:

- **Establish a governance structure, or expand existing structure, to consult with FirstNet**
  - The Territory-wide Communications Interoperability Board (TWCIGB) was established via executive order in 2012 to direct the cooperative efforts of public safety and government interoperability. The board was later expanded to include

the Virgin Islands National Guard and other FirstNet stakeholders. The board was activated as a result of the SLIGP objectives and now meets on a quarterly basis.

- **Develop procedures to ensure local and rural representation and participation in the consultation process**
  - The FirstNetVI team prepared the territory for the Initial consultation with FirstNet by providing education and outreach sessions with public safety entities across the three major islands, gathering stakeholder input, and acting as an advocate for public safety. The meeting was a success with over 50 federal, local, and volunteer public safety stakeholders engaged. FirstNetVI delivered use cases like 1989 hurricane Hugo that could not have been more relevant today, in wake of two-category five (5) hurricanes in September which decimated the communications infrastructure.
  
- **Create a process for education and outreach among local and rural officials, public safety users, and other stakeholders about the nationwide public safety broadband network**
  - FirstNetVI outlined and executed a plan to educate federal, and local decision-makers about public safety broadband technology, including explaining the need for broadband, finances, and the importance of on-going maintenance. The plan extended to the legislative branch of government to garner support at that level as well as print materials and discussions with potential end-users. Website and social media presence continues to be a great avenue for keeping stakeholders informed and engaged.
  
- **Identify potential public safety users of the public safety broadband network**
  - FirstNetVI utilized the Emergency Support Functions (ESF) annex to identify potential users of the NPSBN. Federal, Local and non-governmental agencies were then briefed on FirstNet and the goal of NPSBN. A few are listed below for edification:
    - Potential Local Users: Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA), Virgin Island Police Department (VIPD), Fire Service, Emergency Management Services (EMS), Port authority police and Fire, Water and Power Authority (WAPA), Dept. of Public Works (DPW), Waste Management and others.
    - Potential Federal Users: National Guard, Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Coast Guard (USCG), Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and others.
    - Potential non-governmental Users: St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John Rescue.

- **Develop a standard memorandum of agreement (MOA) to facilitate the use of existing infrastructure with private sector entities that have been chosen by FirstNet to build, operate, and maintain the network on public safety infrastructure, or identify the legal barriers to creating a standard MOA and describe potential remedies**
  - We were in the initial stages of creating an MOU with the impacted organizations prior to the onset of the two category five (5) hurricanes. We will resume the creation of the MOU documents with the private sector organization early in 2018.
  
- **Develop staffing plans that include local and rural representation in data collection activities in consultation with FirstNet**
  - FirstNetVI conducted data collection surveys, hosted workshops and visited individual agencies in an effort to get a comprehensive representation of the USVI public safety community needs and requirements. The collected data was then summarized in the form of graphs and charts to document the findings of federal, and local public safety wireless data usage and the initial desired condition of the USVI integration into the NPSBN
  - Further as a result of the data gathering and staffing plans, two program managers were hired for the FirstNetVI program.
  
- **Prepare or modify a comprehensive plan as part of the existing Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) describing the public safety needs that FirstNet is expected to address**
  - The territory's SCIP was updated in 2015 to include a comprehensive plan for FirstNet and the challenges it aims to address.
  - In 2017, an ESF-2 team from region-2 came to USVI and conducted reviews with stake holders to review and modify the SCIP. The output of that effort was not published due to being redirected by two category five (5) hurricanes. We anticipate the document from ESF-2 to be delivered in early 2018.
  
- **Consult with FirstNet regarding coverage needs, user requirements, network hardening and resiliency requirements, and data collections activities as defined by FirstNet.**
  - The USVI consulted with FirstNet facilitating a flow of information from potential end-users regarding coverage needs, user requirements, and unique challenges based on USVI geography. FirstNetVI undertook a major data collection effort resulting in fifty-four (54%) percent of identified potential user agencies being surveyed. Survey results and projected totals were then submitted to FirstNet.
  
- **Executive and Legislative Buy-in**
  - The Virgin Islands SPOC team championed the FirstNet initiative on the highest levels, escalating the discussion to the legislative floor in 2015 and again in 2016.

The organizational heads of the Virgin Islands Department of Health (DOH), Virgin Islands National Guard (VING), and Virgin Islands Fire Service (VIFS) all provided testimony supporting the FirstNet network buildout and highlighting the potential benefits to their respective agencies.

- The SPOC team along with the FirstNet Regional lead and government affairs representative met with the Governors' Chief of Staff and senior advisors on several occasions, providing executive level updates and understanding the concerns from the highest levels in an effort to gain valuable input for StatePlan development.
- **State-Plan Opt-in/Opt-out Decision**
  - As a result of continued collaboration with FirstNet and the FirstNetVI team, outreach and education to end-user, decision makers, legislative and executive level branch, the USVI became the first territory to Opt-In to the FirstNet network. Governor Kenneth Mapp announced his decision stating, it is in the best interest of the United States Virgin Islands and the Country to participate in the FirstNet deployment of the National Public Safety Broadband Network.”
- **Nationwide Participation**
  - The USVI participated in all SPOC meetings over the period of performance. The multi-day events allowed the territory to stay informed on developments in the deployment of the NPSBN and on-going FirstNet efforts to better align the territory's plan to national level planning, while fostering lasting relationships with fellow SPOCs and SPOC team members.

## INTENDED ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

The USVI intends to use the SLIGP-2 funding to prepare the territory for the deployment of the NPSBN post-Opt-in decision.

### Coverage

Assess the current infrastructure needs for public safety post hurricanes Irma and Maria. The back-to-back category five (5) storms, dealt the island a one-two blow, decimating the territory's communications infrastructure. Therefore, we will need to reverify the original coverage identification effort performed within the SLIGP-1 grant to account for any substantial changes in the coverage areas. The team will work to identify and document on-going coverage needs/gaps within the territory by way of but not limited to drive testing and crowdsourcing.

### Education & Outreach

The territory at the request of FirstNet will plan, coordinate, and facilitate FirstNet and AT&T stakeholder outreach events to continue planning for the NPSBN implementation. FirstNet will

use these sessions to educate the potential public safety users on the network solution and user subscription requirements.

The USVI will facilitate the following events per request by FirstNet and its network partner, AT&T:

- **Local, Statewide, or Regional Broadband Conference:** State or territory convenes local, state, tribal, and/or federal agency representatives to provide FirstNet an opportunity to educate potential users about the FirstNet solution (e.g., devices, services, applications), relay updates related to the network buildout, solicit feedback, and answer questions.
- **Focus Groups:** State or territory convenes participants from a specific discipline (e.g., law enforcement) or user community (e.g., rural audience) to allow FirstNet to solicit input regarding a specific topic (e.g., applications, devices, network services, cybersecurity).
- **Products & Solutions Workshops:** State or territory convenes participants to allow FirstNet to demonstrate use of particular software, application, or device and solicit feedback.
- **Lessons Learned Workshop:** State or territory convenes participants from across disciplines and jurisdictions to share lessons learned on various topics related to NPSBN implementation (e.g., procurement, adoption, incident response).

FirstNetVI will host at least four (4) workshops annually and conduct other planning activities to educate potential users on available wireless technologies, public safety applications, software, and databases in an effort to prepare our public safety users for emergency communications technology transitions.

### **Grant Management and Planning**

The SPOC and Program Manager will provide ongoing coordination with NTIA and implement grant funds based on allowable cost. The team will perform planning activities to identify additional potential end-users of the NPSBN, conducting surveys and other methods to meet that objective.

The USVI will perform Data Collection activities as requested by FirstNet

### **Governance**

FirstNetVI team to present relevant and up-to-date information to the TWCIGB, while receiving input to contribute towards planning activities and to further identify potential users of the NPSBN. FirstNetVI plans to use this group as a project champion as we work with the territory's public safety community to develop policies and agreements to encourage and/or increase sharing of data between agencies using the NPSBN.

FirstNetVI will work with the governing board to develop formal policies in accordance with FirstNet guidelines that address development, security, access, prioritization, disaster recovery, and continuity of operations

Based on the impact of hurricanes Irma and Maria on the territory's wireless technology infrastructure, the USVI seeks to be an early adopter of FirstNet in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

## CAPACITY, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCE

To ensure there is effective project governance, the following Bureau of Information Technology (BIT) staff resources are assigned to this project with the designated roles, responsibilities, and authority

- **The Chief Information Officer (BIT Staff)** will serve as the FirstNet State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) providing executive level support and a direct liaison to the Governor to help FirstNet gain inclusion on applicable contract vehicles. The SPOC will work to eliminate project barriers and garner resources. Has final authority on all decisions.
- **Finance Manager (BIT Staff)** will serve as the Financial Manager, performing all SLIGP-2 financial requirements, a continuation from functioning in that capacity for SLIGP-1 as of 2016. The Financial Manager holds a Masters of Accounting (MAcc) degree and has a strong 8-year background in monitoring federally funded programs to ensure compliance and adherence to established guidelines.
- **Chief Technology Officer (BIT Staff)** will provide guidance on technical issues to the FirstNet project. The CTO interacts with all stakeholders and provides guidance and leadership with regards to hardware and software that directly affect the functionality of the FirstNet network. In addition, the CTO makes recommendations and develop policies in collaboration with the CIO, in order to facilitate the implementation of FirstNet within the territory. The CTO is Cisco and Microsoft certified with 15yrs+ of networking experience.
- **Facilities Manager (BIT Staff)** also serves as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for the Virgin Islands and has twenty-three (23) years of tower communications experience. Certified tower climber, Certified Data Center Technician and is responsible for maintaining and installing radio, TV, two-way radio, microwave antennas.
- **Project Manager (BIT Staff)** will provide programmatic guidance to the team, implement project management best practices for program success. He is a certified Project Manager with the PMP (Project Management Professional) designation. His accumulated 25yrs+ experience has been as an Electrical Engineer, Facilities Manager and Project Manager.

- **Program Manager (Grant Funded)** Will serve as the programmatic manager for SLIGP-2, providing continuity of operations after functioning in that capacity for SLIGP-1 from 2014 to current. The Program Manager holds a Six Sigma Black Belt certification and is an early 2018 MBA candidate with a concentration in project management.

## STAFFING EFFORT FOR SLIGP-2

Personnel resources to support SLIGP-2 and FirstNet requirements include:

- Program Manager (Full-time)
  - Program Coordinator (Full-time)
  - Legal Council (contract)
  - Technical Experts (contract)
- **Program Manager** (Full-time) to assist the SPOC with programmatic and grant management requirements. The Program Manager will organize, plan, execute, control, and evaluate activities associated with the SLIGP grant, at a salary of \$70,000/year plus the cost of Fringe benefits. Coordinate with the territory's Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) on public safety-related projects. The Program Manager will also be responsible for providing ongoing coordination with NTIA and the implementation of grant funds, as well as any other duties as assigned by the SPOC. The development and scheduling of all training and workshops to ensure maximum education of the scope and functions of FirstNet as it progresses from planning to implementation to operation stages. Will oversee the attendance at training events to ensure all SPOC team members stay current on the overall FirstNet program elements.
  - **Program Coordinator** (Full-time) to provide administrative support, assist with milestone tracking, assist the finance manager with tracking grant operation funds/budget, draft Quarterly PPRs and other grant-related documents and reports. The Program Coordinator will identify and document project issues as required, coordinate meetings, conferences, webinars, and other project support activities as needed, at a salary of \$50,000/year plus the cost of Fringe benefits. Will also produce press releases, draft Newsletters, and manage online content that supports the efforts of FirstNet and highlights the accomplishments in the USVI via FirstNetVI social media pages, YouTube, and FirstNetVI website.
  - **Legal Council** will be contracted to provide expert and strategic legal advice to the USVI and its efforts in implementing the NPSBN. Review documents provided to the Government of the Virgin Islands from NTIA, FirstNet, AT&T and any other governmental or non-governmental entity as it relates to the FirstNet network.
  - **Technical Subject Matter Experts** (SMEs) will be contracted to provide functional and technical expertise and support. Understand the vision proposed by FirstNet and the needs

of the Public Safety stakeholders in the USVI. Consult with FirstNet and ATT to ensure the user needs are being addressed. Work to determine current coverage needs and gaps. Coordinate testing and create a test management plan. Develop written recommendation and propose technical solutions.

## OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES OF ACTIVITIES

The United States Virgin Islands intends to utilize SLIGP-2 funding to coordinate efforts within the territory post-Opt-In decision in preparation for the NPSBN deployment. FirstNetVI's governance and outreach activities and interactions will serve as a conduit to help FirstNet gain inclusion and support throughout the first responder community, expanding the potential subscriber base. As we prepare the territory for the deployment and implementation of the NPSBN, the goal is to identify coverage gaps in the existing wireless network infrastructure post hurricanes Irma and Maria. This initiative will create the framework for a more resilient communications network that public safety personnel can rely every day and during natural disasters. With the Education and Outreach activities, we aim to educate potential subscribers on the upcoming enhancements to public safety tools, software, and applications which will mitigate communication difficulties and inefficiencies in times of crisis and confusion. We also hope to provide an avenue for FirstNet and AT&T to educate the first responder community on Network implementation and Service agreements.

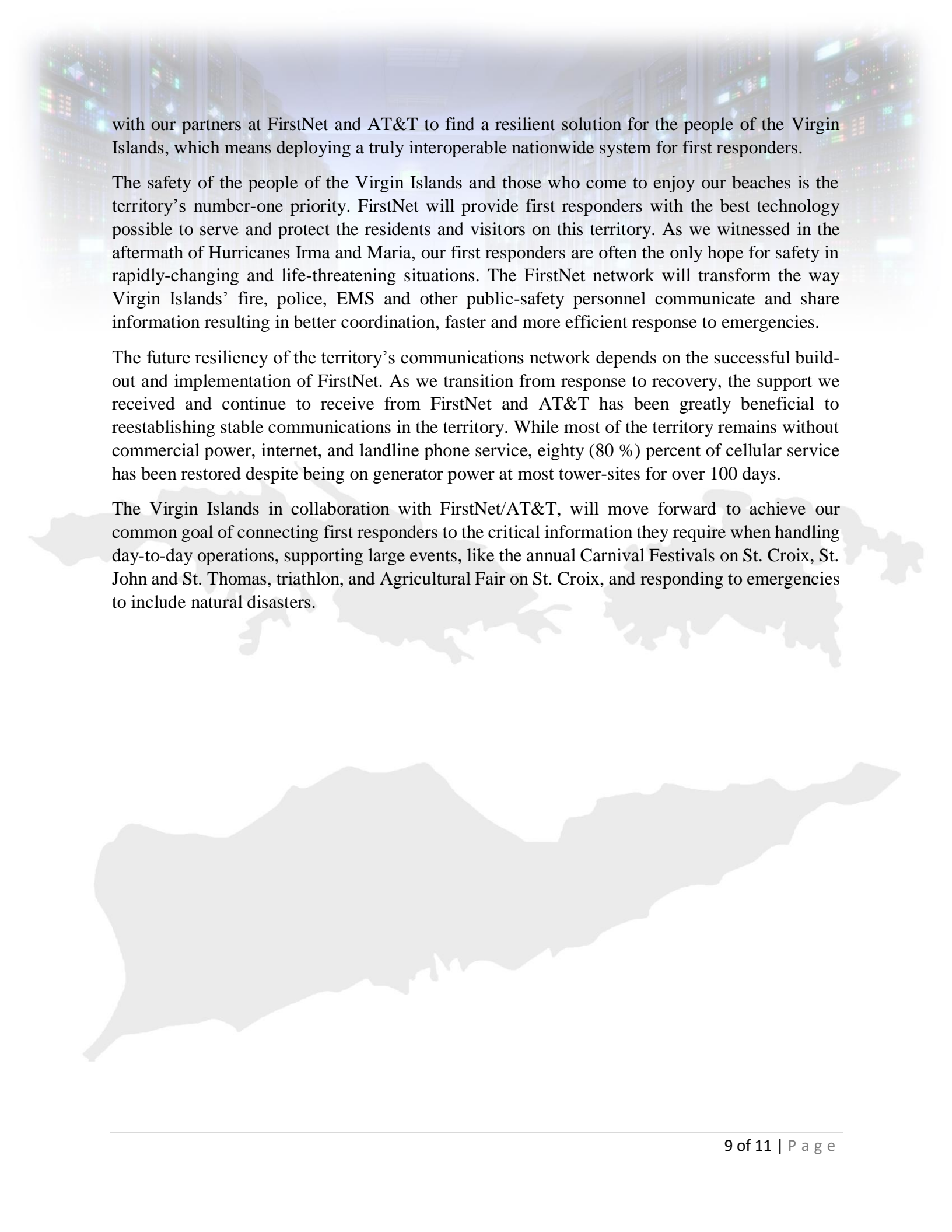
## SUMMARY

The United States Virgin Islands through the Bureau of Information Technology, successfully managed and executed the budgetary and programmatic requirements of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program despite a 1-year no-cost extension that placed a financial strain on the office leading to staffing cuts and increased in-house support.

The Virgin Islands remains dedicated to the mission of FirstNet and our commitment to the first responder community. Governor Mapp demonstrated his commitment in July becoming the first (1<sup>st</sup>) territory to Opt-in to FirstNet. The Governor's Opt-in decision allows FirstNet/AT&T to build and maintain the LTE Radio Access Network (RAN) at no cost to the USVI for a period of twenty-five (25) years. FirstNetVI will use SLIGP-2 funding to prepare the territory and its public safety community for the build-out and implementation of the NPSBN.

As we recently observed in wake of hurricane's Irma and Maria, the Virgin Islands is susceptible to natural disasters that can severely compromise the communications infrastructure. The territory lost nearly all communications (cellular and landline) out of St. Thomas and St. John when Category 5 hurricane Irma struck on September 6, 2018. Two short weeks later, on September 19th, St. Croix suffered the same fate at the hands of category five (5) hurricane Maria. The consecutive storms brought to light some major concerns in emergency response and we will work





with our partners at FirstNet and AT&T to find a resilient solution for the people of the Virgin Islands, which means deploying a truly interoperable nationwide system for first responders.

The safety of the people of the Virgin Islands and those who come to enjoy our beaches is the territory's number-one priority. FirstNet will provide first responders with the best technology possible to serve and protect the residents and visitors on this territory. As we witnessed in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, our first responders are often the only hope for safety in rapidly-changing and life-threatening situations. The FirstNet network will transform the way Virgin Islands' fire, police, EMS and other public-safety personnel communicate and share information resulting in better coordination, faster and more efficient response to emergencies.

The future resiliency of the territory's communications network depends on the successful build-out and implementation of FirstNet. As we transition from response to recovery, the support we received and continue to receive from FirstNet and AT&T has been greatly beneficial to reestablishing stable communications in the territory. While most of the territory remains without commercial power, internet, and landline phone service, eighty (80 %) percent of cellular service has been restored despite being on generator power at most tower-sites for over 100 days.

The Virgin Islands in collaboration with FirstNet/AT&T, will move forward to achieve our common goal of connecting first responders to the critical information they require when handling day-to-day operations, supporting large events, like the annual Carnival Festivals on St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, triathlon, and Agricultural Fair on St. Croix, and responding to emergencies to include natural disasters.



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January 10, 2018

Michael Dame  
State and Local Implementation Grant Program Director  
National Telecommunications & Information Administration  
US Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave.,  
NW Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Dame,

The United States Virgin Islands (VI) formally requests a waiver of the SLIGP 2 Notice of Funding requirement regarding the first increment of funding. In July 2017, the Virgin Islands received supplemental funding of \$80,000 to retain one full-time employee dedicated to fulfilling all FirstNet and SLIGP obligations through the end of SLIGP1 programmatic period. The VI requests that NTIA award the full first increment amount and decrease the second increment by the amount of supplemental funding expended based on the final 425 Financial Report which will be submitted in May 2018.

This resource allocation strategy will allow the Virgin Islands to better prepare the territory for the deployment and implementation of the NPSBN from day one of SLIGP2. We aim to host the territory's post-Opt-In kick-off meeting with FirstNet/ATT team which was thwarted by hurricanes Irma and Maria. as well as employ strategies to meet the goals outlined in the grant application, specifically identifying coverage gaps in the existing wireless network infrastructure after the impact of two category 5 hurricanes.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angelo Riddick".

Angelo Riddick

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**TOTALS**

	<i>Total Award</i>	<i>Increment 1</i>	<i>Increment 2 NTE</i>
<i>Federal:</i>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>
<i>Non-Federal:</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Total:</i>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>

**Personnel: Total Amount \$240,000**

	<i>Increment 1</i>	<i>Increment 2 NTE</i>
<i>Federal</i>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<i>Non-Federal</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Increment Total:</i>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

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- **Program Manager (Federal \$140,000, Non-Federal \$0):**  
Oversight of the entire broadband program within the state. Reports directly to the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) and manages the project team and the overall effort. Serves as the State representative for the program and keeps executives within the State informed on the program. The program manager will spend 100% of their time on SLIGP 2.0 grant activities for 2 years. The annual salary is \$70,000.
- **Program Coordinator (Federal \$100,000, Non-Federal \$0):**  
This person will provide administrative support, including assuring completion of progress reports, tracking the project's budget and financial reporting, and ensuring grant compliance. The program coordinator will assist in the production of press releases, draft newsletters, and manage online content that supports the efforts of FirstNet. The program coordinator will spend 100% of their time on SLIGP 2.0 grant activities for 2 years. The annual salary is \$50,000.

**Fringe: Total Amount \$108,000**

	<i>Increment 1</i>	<i>Increment 2 NTE</i>
<i>Federal</i>	<b>\$40,500</b>	<b>\$67,500</b>
<i>Non-Federal</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Increment Total:</i>	<b>\$40,500</b>	<b>\$67,500</b>

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- **Program Manager (Federal \$63,000, Non-Federal \$0):**  
Fringe is calculated at 45% of salary (\$140,000), for 100% of time spent on SLIGP 2.0 activities.
- **Program Coordinator (Federal \$45,000, Non-Federal \$0):**  
Fringe is calculated at 45% of salary (\$100,000), for 100% of time spent on SLIGP 2.0 activities.

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**Travel: Total Amount \$33,040**

	<i><b>Increment 1</b></i>	<i><b>Increment 2 NTE</b></i>
<i><b>Federal</b></i>	<b>\$9,390</b>	<b>\$23,650</b>
<i><b>Non-Federal</b></i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i><b>Increment Total:</b></i>	<b>\$9,390</b>	<b>\$23,650</b>

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- In-State Employee Travel (**Federal \$9,040, Non-Federal \$0**):  
Two employees to take 1 trip per quarter for 8 quarters for a total of 16 trips. Airfare for each traveler will be approximately \$260.00, per diem of \$75.00 a day for one day and lodging of approximately \$230 a night for one night. The cost of each trip per person is approximately \$565. There will be 16 trips (2 people for 8 trips).
- Out of State Employee Travel (**Federal \$24,000, Non-Federal \$0**):  
Out of state travel for regional and national meetings with FirstNet or other approved stakeholders. Two employees will travel to a total of 4 meetings. Total number of trips is 8 at a cost of approximately \$3,000 including: \$1,200 round trip airfare, \$1,200 total lodging for four nights, estimated per diem of \$300 at \$75 a day for four nights, and incidental cost (i.e. taxi, metro, checked baggage) of \$300 at the rate of \$150/person for two persons. There will be 8 trips (2 people for 4 trips).

**Equipment: Total Amount \$0**

	<i><b>Increment 1</b></i>	<i><b>Increment 2 NTE</b></i>
<i><b>Federal</b></i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i><b>Non-Federal</b></i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i><b>Increment Total:</b></i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

There are no equipment costs anticipated during this grant.

**Supplies: Total Amount \$18,560**

	<i><b>Increment 1</b></i>	<i><b>Increment 2 NTE</b></i>
<i><b>Federal</b></i>	<b>\$4,192</b>	<b>\$14,368</b>
<i><b>Non-Federal</b></i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i><b>Increment Total:</b></i>	<b>\$4,192</b>	<b>\$14,368</b>

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- Meeting Supplies (**Federal \$2,000, Non-Federal \$0**):  
Meeting supplies to include but are not limited to, handouts, binders, memory sticks, estimated at \$250.00 x 8 quarters.
- General Office Supplies (**Federal \$1,090, Non-Federal \$0**):  
General office supplies to include but are not limited to copy paper, pens, binders, etc. The average estimate is \$136.25 per quarter for 8 quarters.

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- Laptops, Printer & PC Components (**Federal \$6,000, Non-Federal \$0**):  
Two Laptops, a printer, and the associated PC components for the Program Manager and Program Coordinator. The average estimate is \$6,000.
- AVAYA Telephone (**Federal \$350, Non-Federal \$0**)  
AVAYA Telephone for Program Coordinator. The average estimate is \$350.
- Cellphone & Wireless Connection device (**Federal \$9,120, Non-Federal \$0**)  
Cellphone & Wireless Connection device for Program Manager & Program Coordinator estimated at \$190/month for 48 months.

**Contractual: Total Amount \$140,000**

	<i>Increment 1</i>	<i>Increment 2 NTE</i>
<i>Federal</i>	<b>\$52,017</b>	<b>\$87,983</b>
<i>Non-Federal</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><i>Increment Total:</i></b>	<b>\$52,017</b>	<b>\$87,983</b>

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- Legal Counsel (**Federal \$20,000, Non-Federal \$0**)  
Legal Counsel to provide consultation and other legal services including but not limited to providing expert and strategic legal advice in support of the State's participation in FirstNet.
- Technical & Coverage Consultant (**Federal \$120,000, Non-Federal \$0**)  
Technical & Coverage Consultant to provide functional and technical expertise and support and will work to determine current coverage needs and gaps. The Consultant will ensure the needs of the public safety stakeholders are met, will develop written recommendation and propose technical solutions.

**Construction: Total Amount \$0**

	<i>Increment 1</i>	<i>Increment 2 NTE</i>
<i>Federal</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<i>Non-Federal</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><i>Increment Total:</i></b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

We do not plan to have any construction costs for this grant program.

**Other: Total Amount \$10,400**

	<i>Increment 1</i>	<i>Increment 2 NTE</i>
<i>Federal</i>	<b>\$3,901</b>	<b>\$6,499</b>
<i>Non-Federal</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><i>Increment Total:</i></b>	<b>\$3,901</b>	<b>\$6,499</b>

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- In-State Meeting Costs (**Federal \$10,400, Non-Federal \$0**)  
In state meeting costs for 100 stakeholders to attend FirstNet Committee meeting every quarter for a total of 8 meetings. Average cost per meeting is \$1,300. Meeting cost to include room rental and the cost for refreshments.

**Indirect Costs: Total Amount \$0**

	<i>Increment 1</i>	<i>Increment 2 NTE</i>
<i>Federal</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Non-Federal</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Increment Total:</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>

Although the Bureau of Information Technology's HR, Finance and IT staff provides ongoing support to this initiative, the Territory, at this time, does not have a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior for the Bureau of Information Technology. Once one is established, the cost will be applied to future grants.

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BUREAU OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
SLIGP 2.0 Detailed Budget Spreadsheet

Category	Detailed Description of Budget			Increment 1		Increment 2		Total Breakdown of Costs		Total Project Costs
	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	
<b>a. Personnel</b>										
<b>Program Manager:</b> The program manager will spend 100% of their time on SLIGP 2.0 Grant Activities for 2 years. The annual salary is \$70,000.	2	\$70,000	\$140,000	\$52,500		\$87,500		\$140,000	\$0	\$140,000
<b>Program Coordinator:</b> The program coordinator will spend 100% of their time on SLIGP 2.0 grant activities for 2 years. The annual salary is \$50,000.	2	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$37,500		\$62,500		\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
<b>Total Personnel</b>			<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>
<b>b. Fringe</b>										
<b>Program Manager:</b> Fringe is calculated at 45% of salary for 100% of time spent on SLIGP 2.0 activities.	45%	\$140,000	\$63,000	\$23,625		\$39,375		\$63,000	\$0	\$63,000
<b>Program Coordinator:</b> Fringe is calculated at 45% of salary for 100% of time spent on SLIGP 2.0 activities.	45%	\$100,000	\$45,000	\$16,875		\$28,125		\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000
<b>Total Fringe</b>			<b>\$108,000</b>	<b>\$40,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$67,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$108,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$108,000</b>
<b>c. Travel</b>										
<b>In-State:</b> Two employees to take 1 trip per quarter for 8 quarters for a total of 16 trips. Airfare for each traveler will be approximately \$260.00, per diem of \$75.00 a day for one day and lodging of approximately \$230 a night for one night. The cost of each trip per person is approximately \$565. There will be 16 trips (2 people for 8 trips).	16	\$565	\$9,040	\$3,390		\$5,650		\$9,040	\$0	\$9,040

c. Travel (continued)				Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	
<b>Out of state:</b> Travel for regional and national meetings with FirstNet or other approved stakeholders. Two employees will travel to a total of 4 meetings. Total number of trips is 8 at a cost of approximately \$3,000 including: \$1,200 round trip airfare, \$1,200 total lodging for four nights, estimated per diem of \$300 at \$75 a day for four nights, and incidental cost (i.e. taxi, metro, checked baggage) of \$300 at the rate of \$150/person for two persons. There will be 8 trips (2 people for 4 trips).	8	\$3,000	\$24,000	\$6,000		\$18,000		\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000
<b>Total Travel</b>			<b>\$33,040</b>	<b>\$9,390</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,650</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$33,040</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$33,040</b>
d. Equipment				Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	
			\$0	\$0				\$0		
<b>Total Equipment</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>			<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0</b>
e. Supplies				Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	
<b>Meeting supplies</b> to include but are not limited to, handouts, binders, memory sticks, estimated at \$250.00 x 8 quarters	8	\$250	\$2,000	\$500		\$1,500		\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
<b>General office supplies</b> , to include but are not limited to copy paper, pens, binders, etc - average estimate \$136.25 per quarter for 8 quarters	8	\$136.25	\$1,090	\$272		\$818		\$1,090	\$0	\$1,090
<b>Laptops, Printer &amp; PC Components</b> for Program Manager and Program Coordinator \$6,000.	2	\$3,000	\$6,000			\$6,000		\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
<b>AVAYA Telephone</b> for Program Coordinator	1	\$350	\$350			\$350		\$350	\$0	
<b>Cellphone &amp; Wireless Connection device</b> for Program Manager & Program Coordinator estimated at \$190/month for 48 months.	48	\$190	\$9,120	\$3,420		\$5,700		\$9,120	\$0	\$9,120
<b>Total Supplies</b>			<b>\$18,560</b>	<b>\$4,192</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,368</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$18,560</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$18,560</b>
f. Contractual				Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	
Legal Counsel	100	\$200	\$20,000	\$7,017		\$12,983		\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
Technical & Coverage Consultant	800	\$150	\$120,000	\$45,000		\$75,000		\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000
<b>Total Contractual</b>			<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$52,017</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$87,983</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>



g. Construction				Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal
			\$0					\$0	
<b>Total Construction</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
h. Other				Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal
In state meeting costs for 100 stakeholders to attend FirstNet Committee meeting every quarter for a total of 8 meetings. Average cost per meeting is \$1,300. Meeting cost to include room rental and the cost for refreshments.	8	\$1,300	\$10,400	\$3,901		\$6,499		\$10,400	\$0
<b>Total Other</b>			<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$3,901</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,499</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Direct Charges</b>			<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
i. Indirect Costs				Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal
			\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
<b>Total Indirect</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

\* Please Note that the Virgin Islands is not required to provide a match in accordance with 48 U.S.C. 1469a which indicates that the requirements for local matching funds under \$200,000 is waived for certain territories.

## ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

<p>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL</p> <p>Hasina N Harris</p>	<p>TITLE</p> <p>Director/Chief Information Officer</p>
<p>APPLICANT ORGANIZATION</p> <p>Office of the Governor, Bureau of Information Technology</p>	<p>DATE SUBMITTED</p> <p>12/19/2017</p>

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Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, 'New Restrictions on Lobbying.' The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

**LOBBYING**

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, 'Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,' in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

**As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.**

**\* NAME OF APPLICANT**

Office of the Governor, Bureau of Information Technology

**\* AWARD NUMBER****\* PROJECT NAME**

USVI Territorial Public Safety Wireless Broadband

**Prefix:**

Mr.

**\* First Name:**

Angelo

**Middle Name:****\* Last Name:**

Riddick

**Suffix:**

**\* Title:** Director/Chief Information Officer

**\* SIGNATURE:**

Hasina N Harris

**\* DATE:**

12/19/2017



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December 4, 2017

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling  
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information  
National Telecommunications & Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The United States Virgin Islands reaffirms the territory's Chief Information Officer (CIO) as the FirstNet Single Point of Contact (SPOC).

The following member of my cabinet will continue to serve in that capacity for State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP 2.0):

Angelo Riddick  
Director/CIO, Bureau of Information Technology  
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I look forward to continued collaboration with you, the Board, and the FirstNet staff on the implementation of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Mapp".

Kenneth E. Mapp  
Governor