15. Proportionality Requirement

Pursuant to Section A.03 of the DOC Standard Terms and Conditions, the non-federal share, whether in cash or in-kind, is expected to be paid out at the same general rate as the federal share. In accordance with this amendment, the recipient is hereby granted an exception to this requirement. The recipient must meet its required cost share on a cumulative basis over the award period.

22. FirstNet-Requested Data Collection Activities using Phase 1 Funds

Notwithstanding Special Award Condition 6, recipient is authorized to use funds made available during Phase 1 of the period of performance for data collection activities as requested by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) in the attached letter dated March 9, 2015. The recipient must document all costs associated with performing these collection activities prior to an approved budget modification. If the recipient chooses to begin data collection activities requested by FirstNet under Phase 1, the recipient must submit a revised budget to NTIA inclusive of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 costs for approval within 90 days of this Special Award Condition.

This Special Award Condition applies only to the limitation originally placed on recipient prohibiting it from using Phase 1 funding for Phase 2 data collection activities. Aside from amending the Phase 1 funding limitation in the Automated Standard Application for Payments System Special Award Condition (SAC), the rest of SAC 6 remains in place and in full force. The Phase 2 reserve is also still in place until the Grants Officer releases the 50% reserve funding through another award amendment. Additionally, recipients may not perform other data collection activities with either SLIGP or matching share funds. Such costs may be disallowed under the award.

23. Memorandum of Agreement Template

Notwithstanding Section II.B of the SLIGP FFO, the recipient is no longer required to develop a MOA template by the end of the period of performance. The recipient, however, may still charge reasonable and allocable costs of developing a MOA template to the award, if the recipient determines that developing a standardized MOA is necessary to the project. If the recipient no longer will develop a MOA template, the recipient should notify NTIA in writing. If a revised budget is necessary to move funds
initially budgeted for the MOA template development to another object class category, it may be done at the same time as the revised budget for FirstNet-requested data collection activities is submitted.
March 9, 2015

The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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RE: SLIGP Second Phase – Finalized Data Collection Elements

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) has confirmed its approach to data collection for the second phase of the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) following meetings with, and the receipt of input from, the State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs). Based on the processes and anticipated timing for the development of the Comprehensive Network Solution(s) Request for Proposal and State Plans for building, operating, and deploying the nationwide public safety broadband network, along with the feedback from many SPOCs, FirstNet has concluded that the attached data collection elements are those that would be useful for the second phase of SLIGP and will pursue accordingly.

The attached data elements are intended to maximize the collection of stakeholder inputs for FirstNet’s planning process to help shape the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network acquisition and ultimately the State Plans that are delivered to each Governor. In particular, FirstNet will request data from the States on five general topics:

1) Coverage – desired coverage areas and deployment phases
2) Users and Operational Areas – information on potential user base and their operational areas
3) Capacity Planning – information on applications and data usage
4) Current Providers / Procurement – information on current service providers, plans, and potential barriers to adoption
5) State Plan Decision – documentation of the process and potential barriers for State Plan decision-making

I thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and, as always, look forward to our ongoing partnership on SLIGP endeavors.

Sincerely,

TJ Kennedy
Acting Executive Director
First Responder Network Authority

cc: Stephen Fletcher, Associate Administrator for Public Safety
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
A Public Safety Entity (PSE) is an entity that provides public safety services, as defined in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. No. 112-96, Title VI, §126 Stat. 256) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) (the "Act") and as further discussed in the Notice of Inquiry and Comment Process (http://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-comment-l074300000.pdf) and subject to the final determinations in connection therewith.

Under 47 U.S.C. 1401(a)(1)(A), non-governmental organizations who perform services that are not made commercially available to the public and the sole or principal purpose of which is to protect the safety of life, health or property, may be authorized as public safety entities under the Act by a governmental entity whose primary mission is the provision of such services.