SUMMARY: The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will convene an open public meeting on October 2, 2015, preceded by open public meetings of the Board Committees on October 1, 2015.

DATES: On October 1, 2015 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, there will be two open public meetings of FirstNet’s four Board Committees. The first meeting is a joint meeting of the Governance and Personnel and Finance Committee and will be held between 8–11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The second meeting is a joint meeting of the Technology and Consultation Committee and will be held between 1–4:30 p.m. The full FirstNet Board will hold an open public meeting on October 2, 2015 between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings on October 1 and October 2, 2015 will be held at John Wesley Powell Federal Building, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243, Reston, VA 20192; telephone: (703) 648–4165; email: uzoma.onyeije@firstnet.gov. Please direct media inquiries to Ryan Orenland at (703) 648–4114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Board of FirstNet will convene an open public meeting on October 2, 2015, preceded by open public meetings of the Board Committees on October 1, 2015.

Background: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Public Law 112–96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), established FirstNet as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration that is headed by a Board. The Act directs FirstNet to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet’s operations. The FirstNet Board held its first public meeting on September 25, 2012.

Matters to be Considered: FirstNet will post detailed agendas of each meeting on its Web site, http://www.firstnet.gov/prior to the meetings. The agenda topics are subject to change. Please note that the subjects that will be discussed by the Committees and the Board may involve commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, personnel matters, or other legal matters affecting FirstNet. As such, the Committee chairs and Board Chair may call for a vote to close the meetings only for the time necessary to preserve the confidentiality of such information, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 1424(e)(2).

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Other Information: These meetings are open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. In order to get an accurate headcount, all expected attendees are asked to provide notice of intent to attend by sending an email to BoardRSVP@firstnet.gov. If the number of RSVPs indicates that expected attendance has reached capacity, FirstNet will respond to all subsequent notices indicating that capacity has been reached and that in-person viewing may no longer be available but that the meeting may still be viewed by webcast as detailed below. For access to the meetings, valid government issued photo identification may be requested for security reasons.

The meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, at (703) 648–4165 or uzoma.onyeije@firstnet.gov, at least five (5) business days before the applicable meeting(s).

The meetings will also be webcast. Please refer to FirstNet’s Web site at www.firstnet.gov for webcast instructions and other information. Viewers experiencing any issues with the live webcast may email support@sparkstreetdigital.com or call 202.684.3361 x9 for support. A variety of automated troubleshooting tests are also available via the “Troubleshooting Tips” button on the webcast player. The meetings will also be available to interested parties by phone. To be connected to the meetings in listen-only mode by telephone, please dial 888–997–9859 and passcode 3572189.

Records: FirstNet maintains records of all Board proceedings. Minutes of the Board Meeting and the Committee meetings will be available at www.firstnet.gov.


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