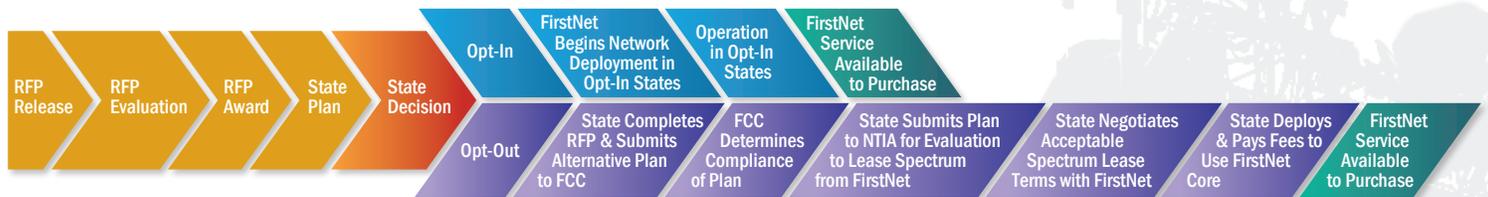




Key Factors to Consider for the Governor to Opt-In or Opt-Out of the FirstNet Plan

Under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (the “Act”), FirstNet will deliver a final State Plan to the Governor to make an Opt-In/Opt-Out Decision. The decision identifies whether FirstNet or the state/territory takes on the responsibility to deploy, operate and maintain the State Radio Access Network (RAN). Regardless of the state/territory decision, the RAN must interconnect with the national FirstNet core network.

Key Steps – National Deployment



▶ The State/Territory Decision: One time

Opt-In – RAN only – FirstNet takes on responsibility to deploy, operate, and maintain RAN

- Funds to build network – funded by FirstNet/partner
- Funds to operate/upgrade network – funded by FirstNet/partner
- User fees – funded by individuals/agencies
- Continuing consultation – staffing funded for by the state/territory, as needed or requested

Opt-Out – RAN only – state/territory takes on responsibility to deploy, operate, and maintain RAN

Alternative plan approval process –

- submission to and approval by FCC of the interoperability requirements under the Act of the alternative RAN plan
- application to and approval by NTIA of Act requirements (including ongoing interoperability cost effectiveness, and comparable security, coverage, timelines, and quality of service) to negotiate spectrum lease terms with FirstNet
- negotiation of spectrum capacity lease with FirstNet
- Funds to build network – funded by state/territory resources with potential NTIA grant for some portion
- Funds to deploy, operate, and maintain network including compliance with national network policies and use of national core – funded by state/territory resources
- User fees – funded by individuals/agencies

▶ The Agency Decision: Ongoing

Agency by Agency buying of FirstNet services – once network is deployed

Opt-In/Opt-Out Process

