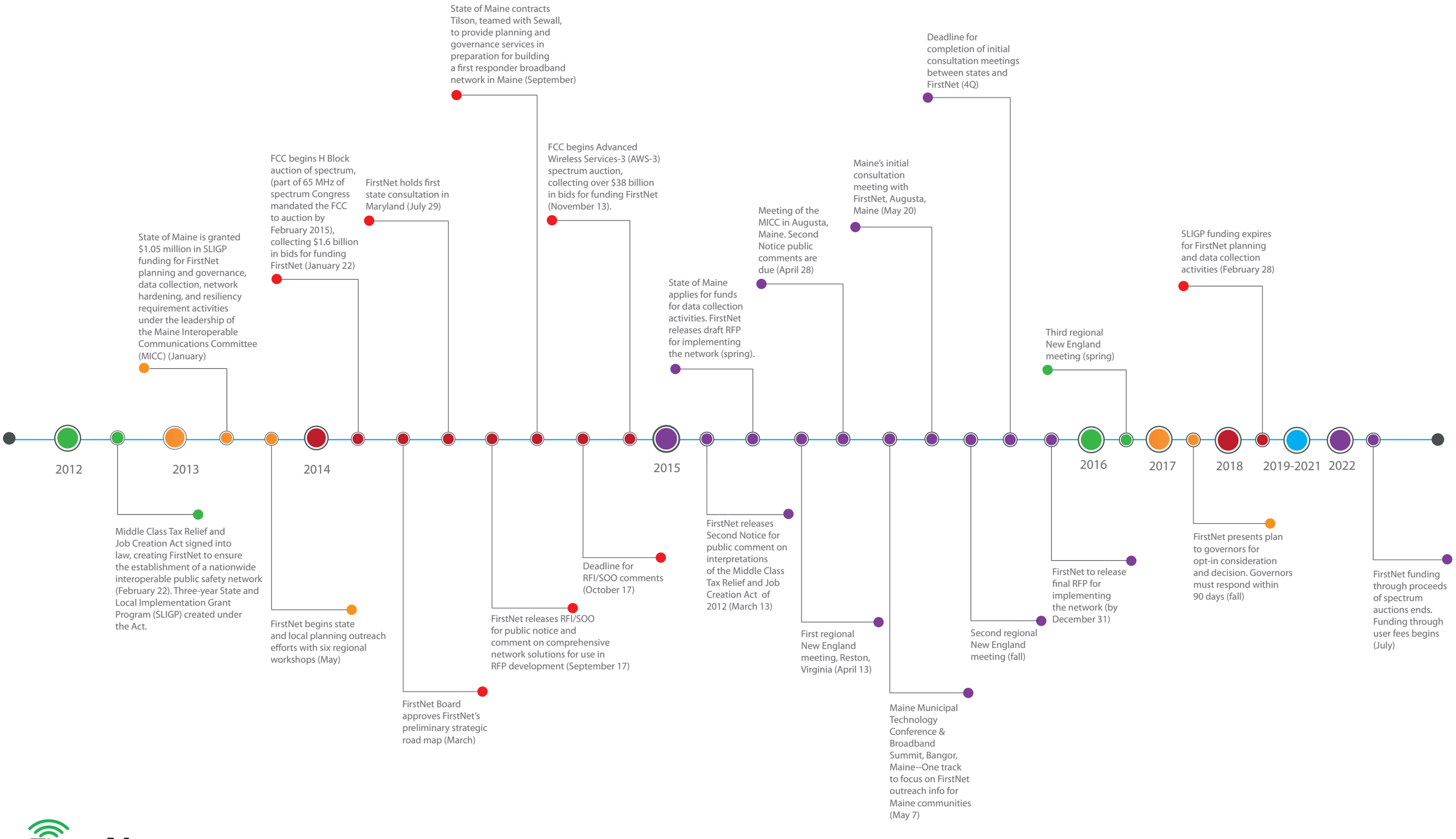
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Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act signed into law, creating FirstNet to ensure the establishment of a nationwide interoperable public safety network (February 22). Three-year State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) created under the Act.
State of Maine is granted $1.05 million in SLIGP funding for FirstNet planning and governance, data collection, network hardening, and resiliency requirement activities under the leadership of the Maine Interoperable Communications Committee (MICC) (January)
FirstNet begins state and local planning outreach efforts with six regional workshops (May)
FCC begins H Block auction of spectrum, (part of 65 MHz of spectrum Congress mandated the FCC to auction by February 2015), collecting $1.6 billion in bids for funding FirstNet (January 22)
FirstNet Board approves FirstNet's preliminary strategic road map (March)
FirstNet holds first state consultation in Maryland (July 29)
FirstNet releases RFI/SOO for public notice and comment on comprehensive network solutions for use in RFP development (September 17)
State of Maine contracts Tilson, teamed with Sewall, to provide planning and governance services in preparation for building a first responder broadband network in Maine (September)
Deadline for RFI/SOO comments (October 17)
FCC begins Advanced Wireless Services-3 (AWS-3) spectrum auction, collecting over $38 billion in bids for funding FirstNet (November 13).
FirstNet releases Second Notice for public comment on interpretations of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (March 13)
State of Maine applies for funds for data collection activities. FirstNet releases draft RFP for implementing the network (spring).
First regional New England meeting, Reston, Virginia (April 13)
Meeting of the MICC in Augusta, Maine. Second Notice public comments are due (April 28)
Maine Municipal Technology Conference & Broadband Summit, Bangor, Maine--One track to focus on FirstNet outreach info for Maine communities (May 7)
Maine's initial consultation meeting with FirstNet, Augusta, Maine (May 20)
Second regional New England meeting (fall)
Deadline for completion of initial consultation meetings between states and FirstNet (4Q)
FirstNet to release final RFP for implementing the network (by December 31)
Third regional New England meeting (spring)
FirstNet presents plan to governors for opt-in consideration and decision. Governors must respond within 90 days (fall)
SLIGP funding expires for FirstNet planning and data collection activities (February 28)
FirstNet funding through proceeds of spectrum auctions ends. Funding through user fees begins (July)

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