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State Alternative Plan Program

3 STEPS FOR OPTING OUT

1. Submit an alternative plan to the FCC

A State or Territory ("State") must submit its alternative plan for the construction, maintenance, operation and improvements of its RAN to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and meet specific interoperability criteria as established by the FCC.

2. Make technical and financial demonstrations to NTIA

If the FCC approves the State alternative plan, that State must make five separate technical and financial demonstrations to NTIA and will be evaluated through the process described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The State must demonstrate:

- That it has the technical capabilities to operate and the funding to support its RAN
- That it has the ability to maintain ongoing interoperability with the NPSBN
- That it has the ability to complete the project within specified comparable timelines specific to the State
- The cost-effectiveness of the State alternative plan submitted to the FCC
- Comparable security, coverage, and quality of service to that of the NPSBN

3. Execute a Spectrum Manager Lease Agreement with FirstNet

Assuming the State has successfully made its demonstrations to NTIA, the State then must enter into a Spectrum Manager Lease Agreement (SMLA) with FirstNet, which will be required for operation of the State RAN on FirstNet's spectrum.

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