

GUIDANCE FOR FIRSTNET BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING RESTRICTIONS AFTER LEAVING FEDERAL SERVICE

Restrictions after Leaving Federal Service

As a Board member of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), you will be subject to some restrictions after leaving Federal service on (1) using Government information, (2) contacting the Government on behalf of others, and (3) receiving compensation from certain contractors. More specifically, after leaving Federal service you may not:

- (1) use or disclose non-public information, including confidential procurement information;
- (2) communicate with:
 - (a) a Federal agency or Federal court on behalf of someone other than yourself with the intent to influence Government action regarding:
 - (i) a matter involving specific parties (such as a procurement) on which you worked personally and substantially or
 - (ii) a matter involving specific parties that was pending at FirstNet during the one-year period before you left the Board (in which case the restriction lasts for two years after leaving FirstNet), or
 - (b) for one year after leaving FirstNet, any official of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) or FirstNet on any matter with the intent to influence Government action (if you worked for more than 60 days during the one-year period before ending Government service); or
- (3) receive any compensation from a winning bidder on a procurement valued at \$10,000,000 or more for one year after your last action as a procurement official.

Notice Requirements

If you are seeking employment outside of the Federal Government, you are required to

- provide written notice (if you are required to file an OGE Form 278), to an Ethics official within three business days of beginning any employment negotiation, that identifies the prospective employer and asserts that you will comply with the requirement that you disqualify yourself from participating in any matter as a Federal official affecting the financial interests of the prospective employer and
- notify an Ethics official and the NTIA Assistant (as your supervisor) if you contact, or are contacted by, a competing contractor on a procurement of greater than \$150,000 on which you worked as a procurement official the contractor (even if you decline to pursue discussions).

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