

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****The 50th Meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force**

AGENCY: The Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA and the Department of Interior (DOI) will hold the 50th meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF). NOAA and DOI will be accepting oral comments during the meeting; written comments may be submitted in advance.

DATES: NOAA and DOI will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) at the Department of Interior's Yates Auditorium, 1849 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20240. Advanced registration is required to attend; please register online at <https://www.coralreef.gov/>.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

Oral Comments: NOAA and DOI will accept oral comments at the meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET.

Email: Please direct written comments to Michael Lameier, NOAA, USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program at michael.lameier@noaa.gov. In the subject heading of your email, please include "Written comments for the 50th U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting." Written comments must be received before 8 a.m. ET on Tuesday, May 13th, 2025. The oral and written comments NOAA and DOI receive are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the USCRTF or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered. Commenters are encouraged to ensure comments address the USCRTF meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Lameier, NOAA USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, (410) 267-5673, michael.lameier@noaa.gov, or Liza Johnson, DOI USCRTF Steering Committee Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, (202) 255-9843, Liza.M.Johnson@ios.doi.gov, or visit the USCRTF website at <https://www.coralreef.gov/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USCRTF meeting provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among Federal agencies, State and territorial governments, and non-governmental partners. Registration is requested to participate in the meeting. This meeting has time allotted for public oral comment from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the USCRTF website within two months of occurrence. For more information about the meeting, and registering for the meeting, visit <https://www.coralreef.gov/>.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6451 *et seq.*; E.O. 13089, 63 FR 32701.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Recruitment of First Responder Network Authority Board Members**

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issues this Notice to initiate the annual process of seeking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to serve on the Board of the First Responder Network Authority ("FirstNet Authority Board" or the "Board"). The term for one of the twelve non-permanent members of the FirstNet Authority Board will be available for appointment or reappointment in 2025. Additionally, one of the 12 non-permanent members to the FirstNet Authority Board resigned prior to the end of her term. The Secretary of Commerce will appoint an individual to complete that Board member's three-year term through September 2027. This Notice will apply

for any other vacancies that may occur in 2025.

DATES: To be considered for the calendar year 2025 appointments, expressions of interest must be electronically transmitted on or before June 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Applicants should submit expressions of interest as described below to Michael Dame, Associate Administrator, Office of Public Safety Communications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, by email to FirstNetBoardApplicant@ntia.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Dame, Associate Administrator, Office of Public Safety Communications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; telephone: (202) 482-1181; email: mdame@ntia.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs at press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background and Authority**

The Middle-Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) as an independent authority within NTIA. The Act charged the FirstNet Authority with ensuring the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network based on a single, national network architecture.¹ The FirstNet Authority holds the single nationwide public safety license granted for wireless public safety broadband deployment. The FirstNet Authority Board is responsible for providing overall policy direction and oversight of the FirstNet Authority to ensure that the nationwide network continuously meets public safety needs.

II. Structure

The FirstNet Authority Board is composed of 15 voting members. The Act names the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General of the United States, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget as permanent members. The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) appoints 12 non-permanent members.²

The Act requires each Board member to have experience or expertise in at least one of the following substantive areas: public safety, network, technical, and/or financial.³ Additionally, the composition of the FirstNet Authority Board must satisfy the other

¹ 47 U.S.C. 1422(b).

² 47 U.S.C. 1424(b).

³ 47 U.S.C. 1424(b)(2)(B).