

perform all three functions of constructing, managing, and operating a portion of the network, so long as one of the three is performed as part of the CLA. For example, a secondary user could agree to construct a radio access network in a particular location, and FirstNet could manage and operate that radio access network, assuming the other elements of the definition were satisfied.

We preliminarily conclude that use of the word “permit” in the definition of CLA indicates that an absolute requirement, such as through use of the term “requires,” is not contemplated. Thus, we preliminarily conclude that the technical architecture of a CLA would, at a minimum, have to allow use as described in Section 6208(a)(2)(B)(i) and (B)(ii). For example, with respect to (B)(ii) and as discussed more fully below, local traffic of a secondary user not requiring long-haul transmission could be communicated locally without satisfying (B)(ii), and without violating the definition of a CLA overall.

We also preliminarily conclude that the reference to “network capacity” in item (B)(i) of the definition of CLA is a generic statement referring to the combination of spectrum and network elements, as defined by the Act and discussed in this *Notice*, which could include the core network as well as the radio access network of either FirstNet alone or that of the secondary user under a CLA whereby the core and radio access network are used for serving both FirstNet public safety entities and the secondary user’s commercial customers.

Section 6208(a)(2)(B)(i) permits private entities that enter into CLAs with FirstNet access to such network capacity “on a secondary basis for non-public safety services.”<sup>88</sup> FirstNet interprets the term “secondary basis” to mean that the network capacity will be available to the secondary user unless it is needed for public safety services in accordance with the discussion of “secondary users” in this *Notice*. FirstNet seeks comments on this preliminary conclusion.

With respect to item (B)(ii) of the definition, we preliminarily conclude that all or a portion of the FirstNet Band 14 spectrum can be allocated for secondary use by a CLA lessee because the phrase, “the spectrum allocated to such entity” does not appear to require any minimum amount of such spectrum to be allocated. This interpretation would provide FirstNet with maximum flexibility in marketing excess network capacity.

Further, according to item (B)(ii), the CLA lessee can use that spectrum to originate or terminate to or from a “long-haul” network utilized by the CLA lessee. Because the term “long-haul” network has less meaning in the context of information services, rather than regulated voice services, we preliminarily conclude that, without limitation, a “long-haul” network could be one that traverses traditional Local Access Transport Area boundaries, but other interpretations and more expansive boundaries are possible. We seek comments on this preliminary conclusion.

We also preliminarily conclude that the reference to “dark fiber” cannot literally be interpreted as such because, once transporting traffic, the fiber would no longer be “dark.” Thus, FirstNet preliminarily concludes that the reference should be interpreted to allow the covered lessee to transport such traffic on otherwise previously dark fiber facilities. We seek comments on this preliminary conclusion, and on any alternative interpretations requiring the use of dark fiber of a long network, or previously unused capacity on lit fiber of a long haul network.

Given the complexity of this provision, we seek comments on both our specific preliminary conclusions above as well as the provision generally, including any alternative interpretations, the potential policy goals underlying the provision’s inclusion in the Act, the ramifications of alternative interpretations to the value of CLAs, and any technical impediments to implementing the above preliminary or alternative interpretations.

### 3. Network Equipment and Infrastructure Fee

Section 6208(a)(3) provides for lease fees related to network equipment and infrastructure.<sup>89</sup> As contrasted with lease fees related to network capacity in subsection (a)(2), or user fees in subsection (a)(1), FirstNet interprets this provision as being limited to the imposition of a fee for the use of static or isolated equipment or infrastructure, such as antennas or towers, rather than for use of FirstNet spectrum or access to network capacity. We seek comments on where use under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) would end, and use under (a)(3) would begin for equipment such as antennas.

Section 6208(a)(3) defines the scope of eligible equipment or infrastructure for which FirstNet may charge a fee to include “any equipment or

infrastructure, including antennas or towers, constructed or otherwise owned by [FirstNet] resulting from a public-private partnership arrangement to construct, manage, and operate the [NPSBN].”<sup>90</sup> We interpret “constructed or otherwise owned by [FirstNet]” as requiring that FirstNet ordered or required the construction of such equipment or infrastructure, paid for such construction, or simply owns such equipment or infrastructure. We seek comments on the above preliminary conclusions and whether this provision would also include equipment or infrastructure that FirstNet does not own but, through a contract, such as one resulting from a public-private partnership arrangement to construct, manage, and operate the NPSBN, has rights to sublease access to, or use of, such equipment or infrastructure.

### III. Ex Parte Communications

Any non-public oral presentation to FirstNet regarding the substance of this *Notice* will be considered an *ex parte* presentation, and the substance of the meeting will be placed on the public record and become part of this docket. No later than two (2) business days after an oral presentation or meeting, an interested party must submit a memorandum to FirstNet summarizing the substance of the communication. Any written presentation provided in support of the oral communication or meeting will also be placed on the public record and become part of this docket. Such *ex parte* communications must be submitted to this docket as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section above and clearly labeled as an *ex parte* presentation. Federal entities are not subject to these procedures.

Dated: September 17, 2014.

**Stuart Kupinsky,**  
Chief Counsel, First Responder Network Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce an

<sup>88</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1428(a)(2)(B)(i).

<sup>89</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1428(a)(3).

<sup>90</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1428(a)(3) (emphasis added).

open meeting of the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). This meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 901 N. Stuart Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Anne Andrews, SERDP Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 17D08,

Alexandria, VA 22350-3605; or by telephone at (571) 372-6565.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150. This notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

The purpose of the October 21, 2014 meeting is to review new start research and development projects requesting Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program funds as required by the SERDP Statute, U.S. Code—Title 10, Subtitle A, Part IV, Chapter 172, § 2904. The full agenda follows:

8:30 a.m. ....	Convene/Opening Remarks .....	Mr. Joseph Francis, Chair.
8:40 a.m. ....	Program Update .....	Dr. Anne Andrews, Acting Executive Director.
8:55 a.m. ....	Resource Conservation and Climate Change Overview ..	Dr. John Hall, Resource Conservation and Climate Change, Program Manager.
9:05 a.m. ....	15 RC02-060 (RC-2516): Climate-Informed Estimation of Hydrologic Extremes for Robust Adaptation to Non-Stationary Climate (FY15 New Start).	Dr. Casey Brown, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.
9:50 a.m. ....	Break.	
10:05 a.m. ....	Environmental Restoration Overview .....	Dr. Andrea Leeson, Environmental Restoration, Program Manager.
10:15 a.m. ....	15 ER01-106 (ER-2536): Long-Term Laboratory Studies for Assimilation of Contaminants in Low k Zones (FY15 New Start).	Dr. Thomas Sale, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
11:00 a.m. ....	Environmental Restoration Overview .....	Dr. Andrea Leeson, Environmental Restoration, Program Manager.
11:10 a.m. ....	15 ER03-001 (ER-2305): Microbially Driven Fenton Reaction: Development of Alternative Ex Situ and In Situ Remediation Technologies For 1,4-Dioxane, Tetrachloroethene, Trichloroethene, and Perfluoroalkyl Substances (FY15 Follow-On).	Dr. Thomas DiChristina, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.
11:55 a.m. ....	Lunch.	
12:55 p.m. ....	Munitions Response Overview .....	Dr. Herb Nelson, Munitions Response, Program Manager.
1:05 p.m. ....	15 MR01-005 (MR-2502): Quantitative Sediment Mapping: Surveys of Geoacoustic Properties Affecting Munitions Burial, Mobility and Detection (FY15 New Start).	Dr. Charles Holland, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.
1:50 p.m. ....	15 MR01-007 (MR-2503): Quantification of Hydrodynamic Forcing and Burial, Exposure and Mobility of Munitions on the Beach Face (FY15 New Start).	Dr. Jack Puleo, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.
2:35 p.m. ....	Break.	
2:50 p.m. ....	15 MR01-045 (MR-2505): Acoustic Response of Underwater Munitions near a Water-Sediment Boundary (FY15 New Start).	Dr. Steven Kargl, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
3:35 p.m. ....	Weapons Systems and Platforms Overview .....	Dr. Robin Nissan, Weapons Systems and Platforms, Program Manager.
3:45 p.m. ....	15 WP02-005 (WP-2521): Standardized Test Methodologies for Low Observable Coating Durability (FY15 New Start).	Dr. Joseph Osborne, Boeing Research and Technology, Seattle, WA.
4:30 p.m. ....	Strategy Session .....	Dr. Anne Andrews, Acting Executive Director.
5:00 p.m. ....	Public Comments/Adjourn.	

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board. Written statements may be submitted to the committee at any time or in response to an approved meeting agenda.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Strategic Environmental Research and

Development Program, Scientific Advisory Board. The DFO will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Contact information for the DFO can be obtained from the GSA's FACA Database at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>.

Time is allotted at the close of each meeting day for the public to make comments. Oral comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

Dated: September 19, 2014.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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