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LA-RICS TRANSFERS NETWORK ASSETS TO AT&T IN SUPPORT OF FIRSTNET NATIONWIDE NETWORK ARCHITECTURE

July 2, 2018 – The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Authority (LA-RICS) announced that it has closed an asset transfer agreement on June 29, with AT&T Corp. accepting the transfer of assets associated with the LA-RICS Long Term Evolution (LTE) Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) which has been serving thousands of first responders in the L.A. County region for the last few years.

“The closing of this deal ensures that, in the future, FirstNet public safety users in Los Angeles County will have access to the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) and can continue to be served by the incredibly robust and highly redundant LA-RICS system,” said Scott Edson, the Executive Director of LA-RICS.

FirstNet users will be able to access the 76 LA-RICS PSBN sites, and all the related towers, generators, radio and network equipment that were used to serve first responders over public safety LTE Band Class 14. AT&T will then integrate the sites into the NPSBN.

As part of the agreement, LA-RICS has agreed to design and build an additional 26 public safety sites in the region to augment coverage for FirstNet services throughout L.A. County. The additional sites are scheduled to be completed by September 2020.

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“The LA-RICS team helped lead the way forward for the nationwide public safety broadband network, and we’re pleased to integrate these assets into FirstNet. This will help us deliver the highest quality public safety service experience to first responders across Los Angeles County, California and the nation,” said Chris Sambar, senior vice president, AT&T-FirstNet.

“As one of the FirstNet Early Builder projects, LA-RICS helped to inform the planning of FirstNet through lessons learned,” said FirstNet Authority CEO Mike Poth. “It is great to see the lessons learned put into practice as FirstNet is implemented in the State of California. We thank LA-RICS for their dedication to driving innovation for public safety.”

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