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Why FirstNet?



***The First Responder Network Authority
shall hold the single public safety wireless license
and take all actions necessary to***

***ensure the building, deployment, and operation
of the nationwide public safety broadband network***

Overview Of Consultation Process



- Consultation is an iterative process, not a single event
- FirstNet will communicate the consultation process and necessary roles and responsibilities
- Consultation will focus on critical information and data
- Plan development will be iterative
- Consultation culminates with the creation of the state plan

Together, stakeholders and FirstNet will have engaged in a process that provides meaningful and thorough information for the state plans

Wide Range Of Stakeholder Consultation

State Consultation (SPOC / SLIGP)

- State
- Local
- Tribal
- Regional
- Rural
- Metropolitan

State Plan

Governor's Decision

Federal Input (ECPC)

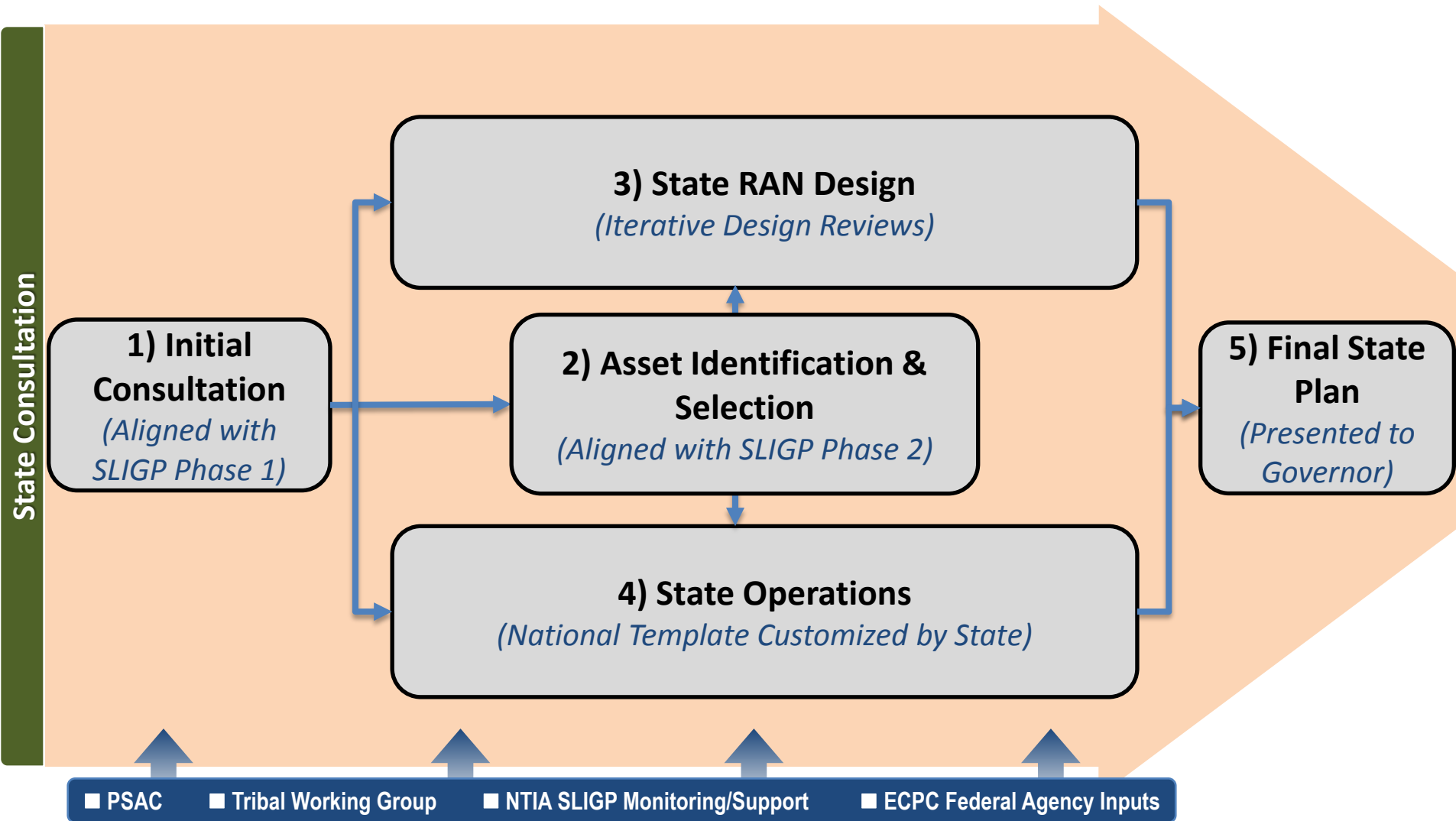
- Federal Responders
- Federal Infrastructure Owners

Industry Input (RFP / Partnering)

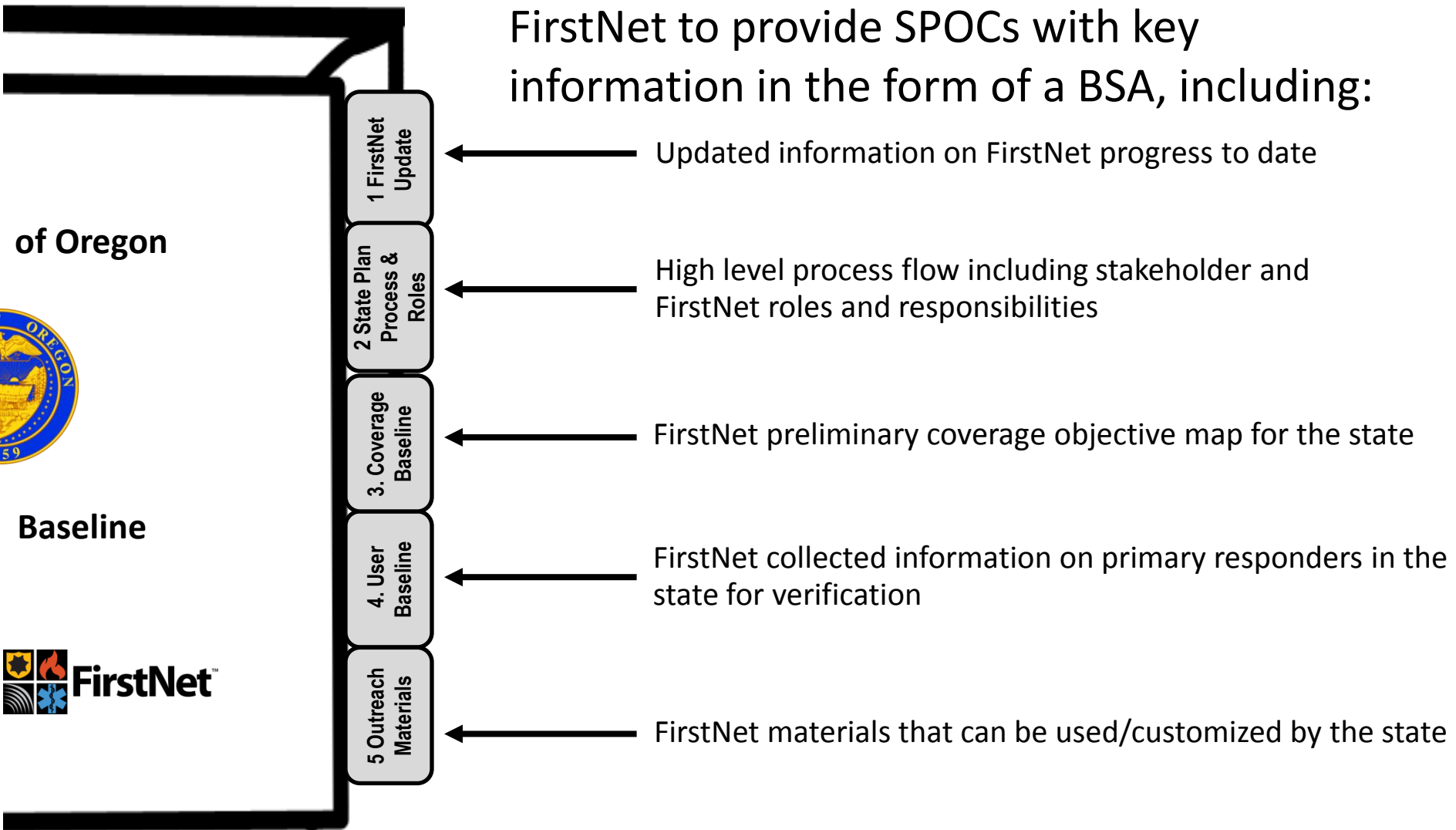
- NGOs
- Utilities
- Commercial

- Users
- Coverage
- Assets

Defining the Process



Initial Consultation – Baseline State Analysis (BSA) Getting Ready for Consultation



Getting States Ready For Consultation (cont.)



- Consultation readiness checklist
 - FirstNet is developing a checklist for SPOCs to use as a guideline prior to consultation
 - This checklist's topics are consistent with deliverables required by SLIGP
- Examples of consultation checklist items may include:

Governance:

- Functioning governance body in place
- Date/time of next governance body meeting
- Formal relationships documented with state's tribes

Assessment and Validation:

- User agencies identified / proposed
- Secondary users identified / proposed
- Key stakeholders with assets that could assist with the network build out are identified

Outreach and Education:

- Statewide outreach plan created
- Large metropolitan area contact list built
- Tribe contact list built
- Rural contact list built
- Established email list for all public safety leadership in state
- Calendar of existing state, regional, and national public safety association events

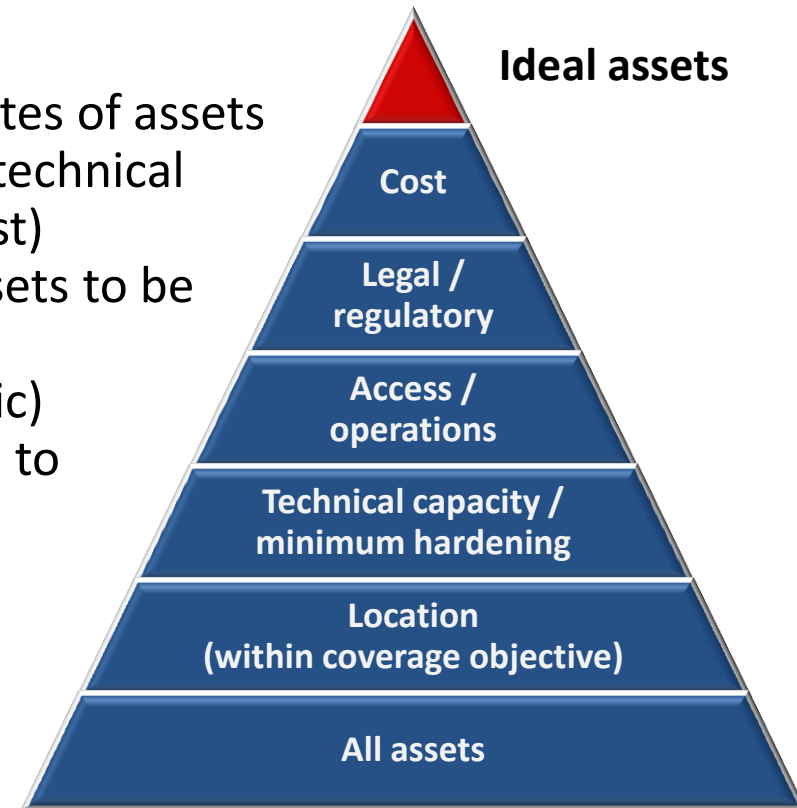
Asset Identification & Selection (Aligned with SLIGP Phase 2)

■ Key Steps

- Define minimum recommended attributes of assets for consideration (Coverage objective/ technical capacity/site access/operations/low cost)
- Request data collection on available assets to be considered
- Assess all assets (commercial and public)
- Select assets based solely on best value to the FirstNet network

■ Guiding Principles

- Limit data collection to viable assets to save the state time/effort
- Leverage assets to provide better coverage at a lower cost
- Leverage assets to deploy quicker



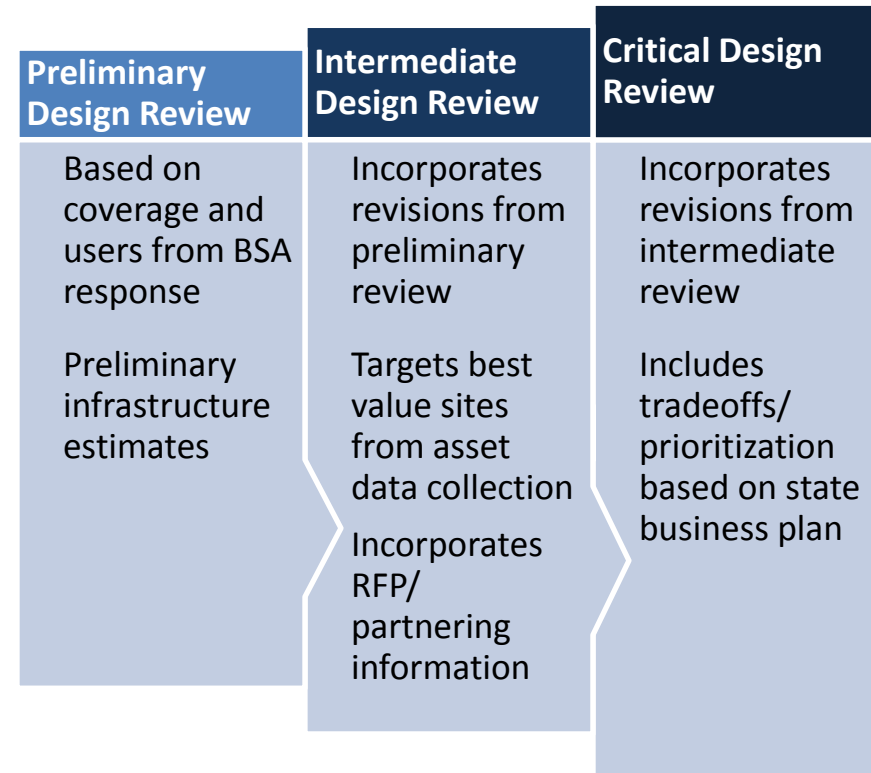
State RAN Design Process

■ Key Steps

- Multi-phase (preliminary/intermediate/critical design) reviews with state to refine design based on identified priorities
- Incorporate feedback and additional data as it is collected (SLIGP Phase 2/RFP Process)

■ Guiding Principles

- Ensure on-going review/refinement process with state
- Jointly develop tradeoffs and priorities



State Operations

■ Key Steps

- Leverage PSAC and others to discuss overall approach to:
 - Local control
 - Prioritization
 - Training
 - Security
- Develop operations template with areas for input/customization
- Develop system cost structure/business plan for state based on preliminary RAN design and potential user base
- Customize based on public safety stakeholder input

■ Guiding Principle

- Address areas of consultation required by law
- Ensure state RAN design is supported by business planning and cost considerations



■ Key Steps

- Document proposed coverage and associated cost
- Supply projected funding level
- Provide final review opportunity by state's SPOC / governing body
- Submit to the Governor

■ Guiding Principles

- Address areas of consultation required by law
- Ensure public safety stakeholders have had robust involvement before state plan is presented

State Plan Requirements

- Completion of the RFP process
- Details of proposed build-out in the state
- Funding level for the state



Questions

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