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STATEMENT FROM U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE PENNY PRITZKER ON FIRSTNET BOARD APPOINTMENT

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker today issued a statement on the appointment of Barry Boniface to the FirstNet Board. FirstNet is an independent entity within the U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), with members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve three-year terms. To learn more about FirstNet, visit: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet>.

"The FirstNet Board has been working hard toward implementing a nationwide wireless broadband network that enables our first responders to better respond to emergencies and save lives," said Secretary Penny Pritzker. "With more than two decades of business and management experience in the telecom industry, I believe Barry Boniface will be a great addition to FirstNet."

"I truly believe in the FirstNet mission and think it is a critical element in keeping our first responders and our communities safe," said Barry Boniface. "I look forward to serving on the Board and leveraging my experience in the telecom industry to help make this mission a reality."

Barry Boniface's full bio is available at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2013/barry-boniface-bio>