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## **FirstNet Board Member Sue Swenson Provides Update on Status of BTOP Negotiations**

**Washington, D.C.** - FirstNet Board member Sue Swenson, the Board's lead negotiator with the seven Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) public safety projects on 700 MHz spectrum leases, provided an update today on the process and status of the negotiations. The Board in February adopted a resolution outlining its path forward with the seven public safety BTOP grantees, whose funding was partially suspended following enactment of the law creating FirstNet.

"We're pleased with the progress we've made thus far in our spectrum lease negotiations with the BTOP public safety projects," said Swenson. "These jurisdictions and FirstNet's team have had some very productive discussions on the draft framework for a lease agreement. After we receive the projects' written feedback on the current draft, we will be in a position to move forward in earnest with more individualized negotiations." ...

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