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Public Safety Spectrum Trust Board Completes First Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. – November 2, 2007 – The recently constituted board of directors of the Public Safety Spectrum Trust (PSST) met today in person for the first time, making a number of key decisions for its successful operation. Today's meeting focused on the objectives of the Public Safety community and its obligations regarding the creation of a nationwide wireless broadband network for Public Safety as established in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Second Report & Order.

The board of the PSST elected Chief Harlin McEwen of the International Association of Chiefs of Police as its Chairman; Kevin McGinnis of the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials as its Vice Chairman; and Alan Caldwell of the International Association of Fire Chiefs as its Secretary-Treasurer.

The board also acknowledged that its most important task in the short term is the production of a document that could be shared with prospective D block bidders and with members of the Public Safety community that reflects key needs of Public Safety regarding the creation of a nationwide wireless broadband network designed to carry Public Safety's mission critical mobile broadband communications. Chief Harlin McEwen, Chairman of the PSST, said, "Our highest calling is to act responsibly on behalf of Public Safety while providing sufficient information to potential D block auction bidders. The PSST realizes that this network must work for all parties or it won't work for any."

Included among the key decisions adopted by the board of the PSST today was a commitment to release publicly a document for D block bidders and Public Safety by November 15, 2007. A principal objective to be served by that document would be to share important preliminary information regarding the construction of a Public Safety-grade network in advance of both the start of the FCC's 700 MHz auction in January and in anticipation of negotiations with the winner of the upper 700 MHz D block leading to a Network Sharing Agreement (NSA). While the PSST believes that release of this information will provide guidance to all parties, it acknowledges that final details will be contained in a mutually agreed to NSA. The document circulated for Public Safety comment by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) on October 26, 2007 was an important first step in the collection of feedback. The PSST expects to consider that document in the development of its own, along with input from potential bidders, the FCC and other sources.

The PSST Board of Directors is comprised of representatives of the following organizations: the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO); the Forestry Conservation Communications Association (FCCA); the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC); the International City/County Management Association (ICMA); the International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA); the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO); the National Emergency Number Association (NENA); the National Governors Association (NGA); and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).

About the PSST

The PSST is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia to apply for

a spectrum license from the FCC for an interoperable nationwide broadband network for Public Safety. The PSST's mission is to provide national Public Safety leadership an organizational structure through which decisions can be made to guide the construction and operation of this interoperable nationwide broadband network via a public safety-commercial partnership, ensuring the communications requirements of the public safety community are met.

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