

FCC STA License Request for Service Code SP

700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Nationwide License

Idaho National Laboratory, November 10, 2015

Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA), as the main contractor for the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), a Department of Energy-NE site, located 47 miles West of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has been requested by the State of Idaho, Bureau of Homeland Security, and FIRSTNET to help license and build a site to test equipment and communications using LTE Band 14, Public Safety frequencies. This test node may eventually be connected in to the FIRSTNET network, but will continue to be a test node for new equipment, network parameters, and interoperability communications.

The INL's Wireless Test Bed (WTB) infrastructure and knowledge is a valuable resource to help build out a FIRSTNET test location. A letter authorizing the access to the Public Safety frequencies has been included below from the State of Idaho. A previous license has been approved and issued, 0752-EX-ST-2015. This application for Experimental STA 1199-EX-ST-2015 is for an offsite location that will be used as an additional testing spot where Band 13 and Band 14 RF signals do not exist.

INL, as a Laboratory for the Department of Energy, a US Government agency is **exempt** from the requirements to pay a fee for filing for an Experimental STA to the FCC. This short memo is to explain the exemption of fee status.

Sincerely,

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