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B.I.T. Hosting Town Hall Friday Night On Environmental Impact Of Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

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ST. CROIX -- The Bureau of Information Technology, Office of the Governor, will host a town hall in St. Croix today, where residents will have an opportunity to review and discuss the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network in the non-contiguous states and territories of the United States, according to a release B.I.T. issued on Thursday.

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) released the draft statement on March 4, 2016, which initiated a 60-day comment period during which members of the public,

public agencies, and other interested parties may question, comment, and express concerns about the project. The town hall will be held at the Company House Hotel, No.2 Company Street, Christiansted 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

The Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network is intended to enhance the ability of the public safety community to perform more reliably, effectively, and safely; increase situational awareness during an emergency; and improve the ability of the public safety community to effectively engage in those critical activities. The Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is an analysis of the potential impact of the deployment and operation of the the potential impact of the deployment and operation of the N.P.S.B.N. on the natural and human environment, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Information and public comments received during the 60-day period will be considered during development of the final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. In addition to the public meeting being held in the territory, similar meetings were held, or will be held, in Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico, according to the release.