



Preparing for an Implementation Planning Session

December 03, 2008

Slide 1



Microsoft Live Meeting – How To

- ✓ Questions & Answers
- ✓ Feedback
- ✓ Full Screen – Small Screen
- ✓ Phones
- ✓ Re-entering the Meeting
- ✓ PDFs and Website
(http://www.800ta.org/content/news/webinar_recordings.asp)



Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this Webinar, participants will:

- ✓ Understand the role of an Implementation Planning Session (IPS) in their reconfiguration efforts
- ✓ Understand the process by which the TA plans and schedules an IPS in a given region
- ✓ Have information about key activities they need to do to prepare to attend an IPS
- ✓ Know what to do if they are ready to start implementation activities
- ✓ Receive information that will be needed for discussion at an IPS
- ✓ Have their questions and concerns addressed

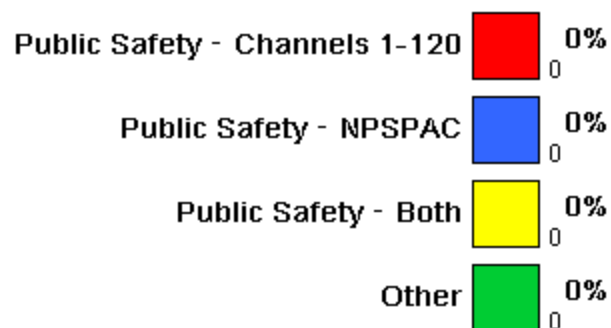


Agenda

- **Status of Stage 2 (Public Safety)**
- **What is an Implementation Planning Session?**
- **Why Should I Attend?**
- **How Do I Participate?**
- **What the TA Needs from You**
- **IPS Preparation Worksheet**
- **What to Expect at Your IPS/Sample Schedule**
- **Consequences of Non-Attendance**
- **IPS & Licensees Ready to Implement**

To which of the following groups do you belong?

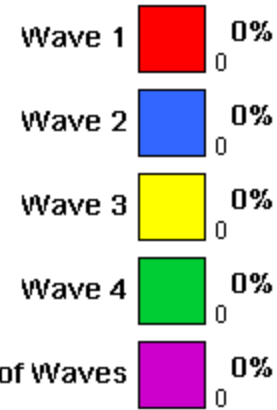
Polls are open.



[Poll 1]

What Wave(s) are you in?

Polls are open.

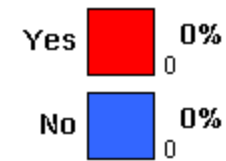


Combination of Waves

[Poll 2]

Have you completed your Cost Estimate?

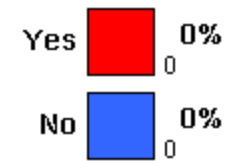
Polls are open.



[Poll 3]

Have you executed your FRA?

Polls are open.




[Poll 4]

Have you started your implementation activities?

Polls are open.

Yes 

No 

[Poll 5]



Status of Stage 2 (Public Safety – not affected by border)

Reconfiguration Status of Stage 2 Licensees as of June 30, 2008

Stage 2 implementation continues to see steady progress

- 72% of the Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements (FRAs) for non-border licensees were negotiated and submitted to the TA.
- 198 FRAs of Stage 2 Licensees have completed the transition to their new channels, including 118 FRAs for NPSPAC licensees.
- As of June 30, 2008, the licensees in 23 percent of the non-border Stage 2 FRAs had completed the transition to their new channels.
- Significant planning work still is underway, especially for large and complex systems.



What is an Implementation Planning Session?

To date, IPS have been held in:

- Minnesota
- Indiana
- Illinois
- New York Metro
- Chicago Metro
- New England & Boston
- Oregon
- Nebraska
- Iowa
- Nevada
- Texas
- New Jersey
- Northern California
- Georgia
- Florida

- The purpose of an IPS is to develop a comprehensive reconfiguration implementation schedule for licensees in a given region, including proper identification of issues, risks, dependencies, and next steps
- As part of implementation preparation, the TA is conducting Implementation Planning Sessions on a regional, statewide or split region basis

Tentative schedule for upcoming sessions includes, but is not limited to:

- ✗ South Carolina – October 28, 2008
- Oklahoma - TBD
- Tennessee - TBD

- ✓ North Carolina -TBD
- ✓ Florida - TBD
- ✓ Louisiana -TBD



Why Should I Attend?

IPS have facilitated a number of positive outcomes including:

- Building a common understanding among all stakeholders of licensee interdependencies and scheduling needs
- Assisting licensees in understanding the specific steps they must take and factors to consider during implementation
- Enabling parties to reach agreement on the timing of clearing and surrendering of frequencies for those that are ready to transition to the new channels
- Developing a common understanding of the dependencies and constraints between and among the parties (licensees, vendors, and Sprint Nextel)
- **Highlighting** where additional coordination may be required



How Do I Participate in IPS?

The TA plans and schedules an IPS in a given region based upon the following criteria:

- Number of licensees in the region that have a signed FRA and are ready to reconfigure, but require schedules for channel clearing
- Interoperability and dependencies in the region
- Size and complexity of systems in the region
- Impact of a regional schedule on another, neighboring or adjacent region

Participants include:

- Licensees (maximum of 2-3 attendees per licensee)
- Vendors
- Sprint Nextel
- TA Representatives



As described in the FCC's September 12, 2007 Public Notice, NPSPAC licensees are expected to participate in the IPS for their area



What the TA Needs from You

When your region is ready for an IPS, you will be contacted by the TA

- Be responsive to calls, letters, and/or emails from the TA regarding IPS
- Upon receiving an IPS invitation letter, notify your Regional Support Specialist and/or the TA Contact Center to confirm your attendance
- Inform the TA in advance if you cannot attend.
- Notify the TA as soon as possible if you are not the appropriate contact person to attend the IPS
- Identify an Implementation Point of Contact (IPOC) who is knowledgeable of the Reconfiguration process and will be responsive to TA requests
- Review and complete (as much as possible) the IPS Preparation Worksheet located on the TA's website
➔ (<http://www.800ta.org/content/implementation/default.asp>)



IPS Preparation Worksheet

The worksheet requests that licensees provide the following information:

- ✓ System Type, Number of Subscriber Units, and Site Description
- ✓ Milestone Dates (including signing of Vendor Agreement, beginning & completion of Subscriber & Infrastructure Deployment, and estimated reconfiguration completion)
- ✓ Dates for multiple subscriber or infrastructure touches (if necessary) and any additional issues & potential risks
- ✓ Description of interoperability
- ✓ Wave or Stage or adjacent NPSPAC region boundaries and any special timing considerations related to operational or interoperability needs
- ✓ Special circumstances in your region including blackout dates, elections, hunting season, etc.
- ✓ Reconfiguration status, potential dependencies, & assumptions
- ✓ Identify an Implementation Planning Point of Contact (IPOC) and submit information to the TA



Interactive Q&A

TA Contact:

Phone: 1-888-800-8220
Website: www.800TA.org
Email: comments@800TA.org

Sprint Nextel Contact:

Fax: 678-405-8252
Email: 800MHz@Sprint.com

FCC:

Website: <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/public-safety-spectrum/800-MHz/reconfiguration.html>



What to Expect at Your IPS

During an IPS, you can expect to:

- Discuss your overall timeline and implementation plan for reconfiguration of your system, as well as interoperability and vendor support for your schedule
 - Talk about channel clearing dates with Sprint Nextel
 - Participate in an open dialogue about issues, risks, dependencies, and key assumptions
 - Multiple licensees that are proposing to reconfigure as a single coordinated group can present a single integrated timeline and plan
 - If you have not yet concluded negotiations of your FRA with Sprint Nextel, come prepared to discuss your expectations and general assumptions regarding the amount of time required for key reconfiguration activities
- If you are in mediation, discussion of elements in dispute in your PFA or FRA negotiations is not permitted at the IPS



What to Expect at Your IPS

Logistics:

- ✓ The meeting is expected to last a full day, although the duration may vary depending upon the number of licensees in attendance and the preparedness of the participants
- ✓ Breakfast and lunch will be provided
- ✓ Be sure to sign-in at the registration table with your name, your organization's name, and the licensee you are representing
- ✓ Please complete the 5 minute paper survey at the end of the IPS
- ✓ Attending an IPS is a reimbursable expense subject to current program guidelines



What to Expect AFTER Your IPS

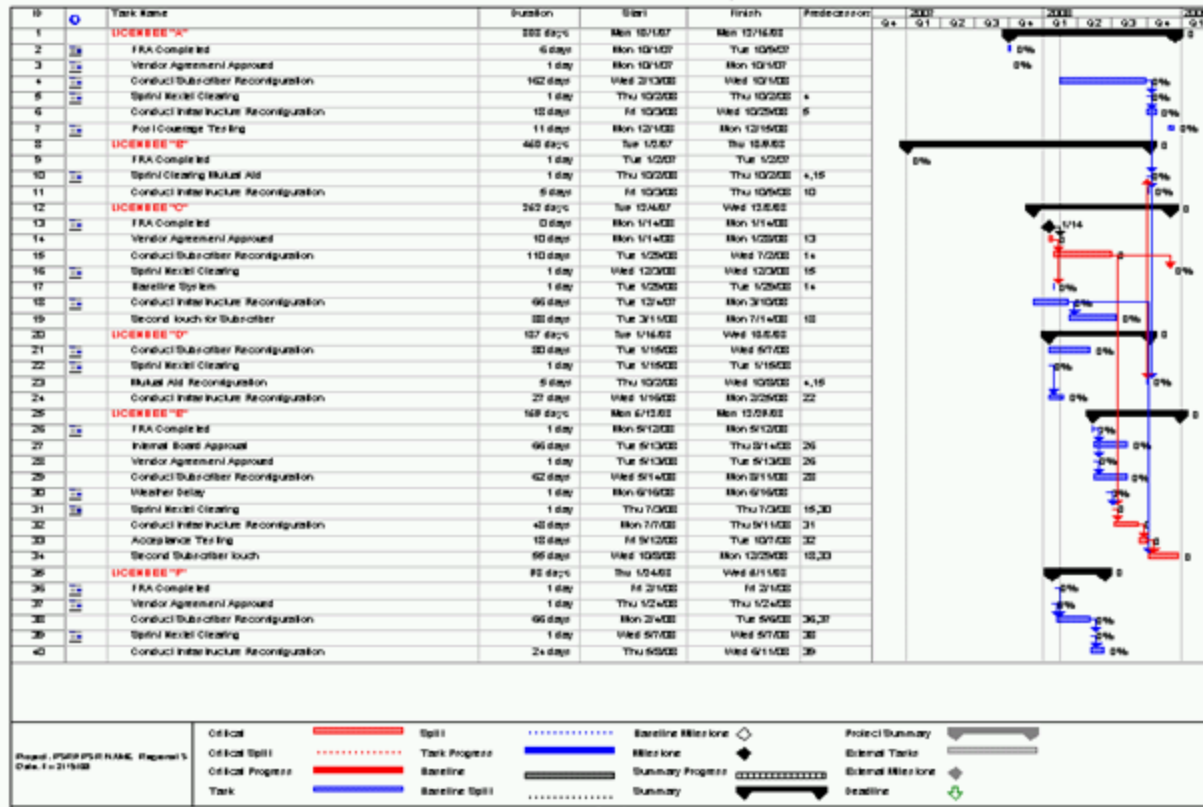
Post-IPS, the TA will distribute schedule implementation updates collected at the IPS to:

- You and your designated point of contact
- Certain other parties on a need-to-know basis subject to use limitations (i.e. Sprint Nextel, vendors)

➔ *NOTE: The TA advises licensees to handle the information with care when disseminating*



Sample Schedule





Implementation Planning Sessions Consequences of Non-Attendance

Not attending an IPS may result in:

- ✗ Delays in implementation scheduling, leading to a delay in completing reconfiguration overall
- ✗ Potentially overlooking key dependencies and interoperability issues for entire systems within the region
- ✗ Missing discussions involving reconfiguration concerns and/or challenges
- ✗ Potentially impacting neighboring licensees' reconfiguration process



Licensees Ready to Implement

Recommendations for licensees who are ready to implement:

- Licensees with **no implementation schedule** in their FRAs, who can reconfigure their infrastructure in advance of the IPS and independently of other systems (such as a statewide mutual aid network) should **discuss with Sprint Nextel** the date by which the channels in the new NPSPAC band need to be made available.
 - If the licensee and Sprint Nextel are not able to reach agreement on a date, the licensee may submit a Channel Clearing Request Form. Sprint Nextel must clear the necessary spectrum within 60 days of the request.
 - Visit the TA's website (www.800TA.org) for more details about the Channel Clearing Request Process.
- Licensees in **Stage 2** reconfiguring only Expansion Band channels are expected to have **implementation timelines included in their FRAs** and will only be affected by IPS if they participate extensively in an interoperability network.



Interactive Q&A

TA Contact:

Phone: 1-888-800-8220
Website: www.800TA.org
Email: comments@800TA.org

Sprint Nextel Contact:

Fax: 678-405-8252
Email: 800MHz@Sprint.com

FCC:

Website: <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/public-safety-spectrum/800-MHz/reconfiguration.html>

Was this Webinar helpful in providing you with a better understanding of an IPS?

Polls are open.



[Poll 6]

Do you feel more confident going into an IPS after participating in this Webinar?

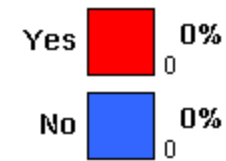
Polls are open.



[Poll 7]

Would you recommend the IPS Webinar to other licensees?

Polls are open.



[Poll 8]



Additional Reconfiguration Guidance for Licensees

Visit the TA's website for additional guidance on the various steps of the reconfiguration process:

- Channel Clearing Request Process
- Reconfiguration Implementation & IPS Information
- Mutual Aid and Interoperability Fact Sheet
- Change Notice Process Fact Sheet and Form
- Actual Cost Reconciliation Fact Sheet
- Incumbent Labor Reimbursement Policy
- Special Temporary Authorizations (STAs) Fact Sheet
- Point of Contact Form -
<http://www.800ta.org/content/PDF/forms/POC.pdf>
- Request for Waiver of June 26, 2008 deadline – Lookup Database



Contact Information

TA:

- Phone: 1-888-800-8220
- Fax: 1-888-701-4380
- Email: comments@800TA.org
- Website: www.800TA.org

Sprint Nextel:

- Fax: 1-866-221-6990
- Email: 800MHzBandReconfiguration@sprint.com