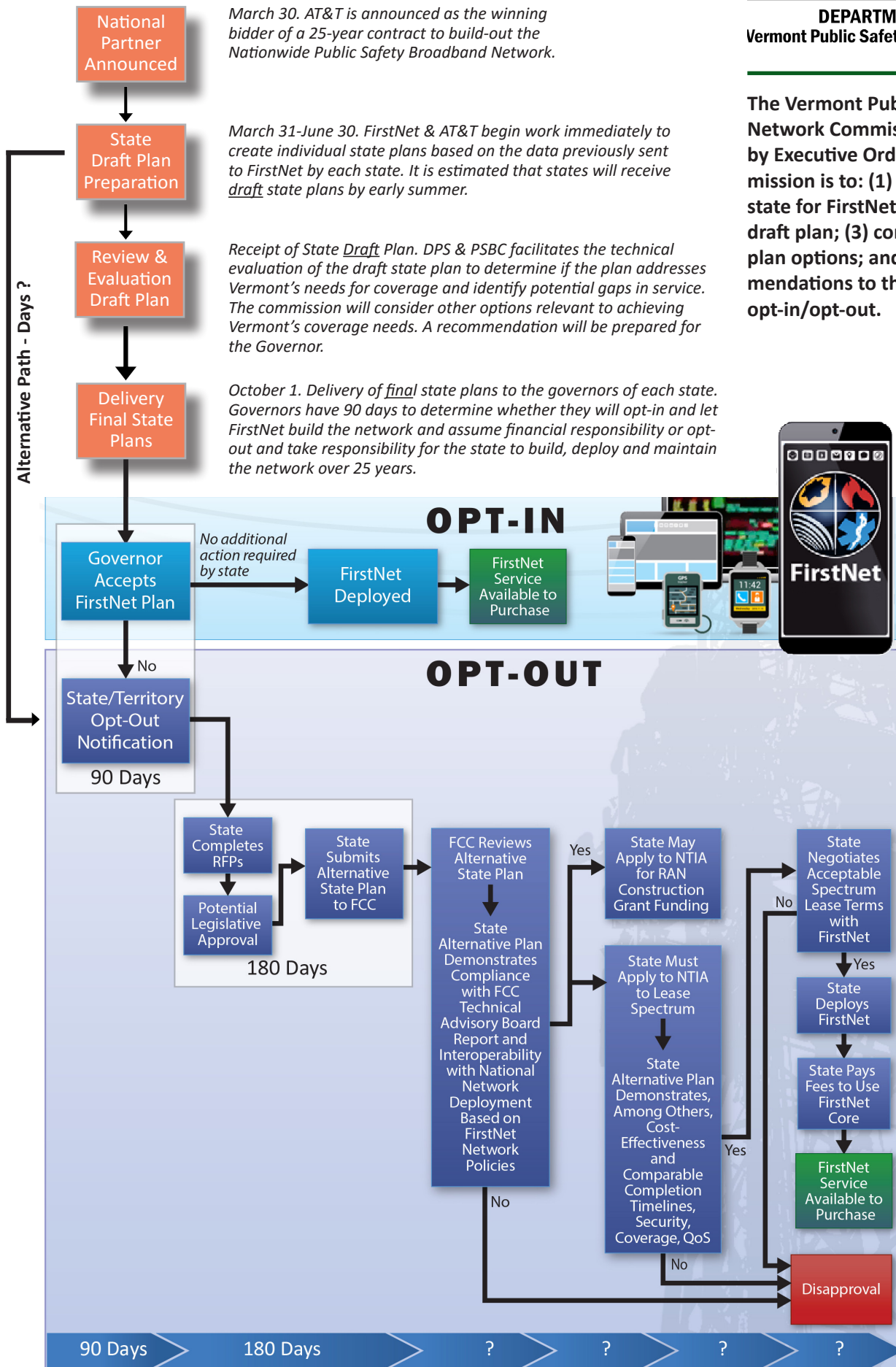


Vermont: Opt-In/Opt-Out Timeline



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Vermont Public Safety Broadband Commission

The Vermont Public Safety Broadband Network Commission was established by Executive Order in 2013. The Commission is to: (1) guide & prepare the state for FirstNet; (2) review the state draft plan; (3) consider other possible plan options; and (4) make recommendations to the Governor regarding opt-in/opt-out.



March 30. AT&T is announced as the winning bidder of a 25-year contract to build-out the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.

March 31-June 30. FirstNet & AT&T begin work immediately to create individual state plans based on the data previously sent to FirstNet by each state. It is estimated that states will receive draft state plans by early summer.

Receipt of State Draft Plan. DPS & PSBC facilitates the technical evaluation of the draft state plan to determine if the plan addresses Vermont's needs for coverage and identify potential gaps in service. The commission will consider other options relevant to achieving Vermont's coverage needs. A recommendation will be prepared for the Governor.

October 1. Delivery of final state plans to the governors of each state. Governors have 90 days to determine whether they will opt-in and let FirstNet build the network and assume financial responsibility or opt-out and take responsibility for the state to build, deploy and maintain the network over 25 years.

In 2012, Congress signed into law the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act that created FirstNet. The law gives FirstNet the duty to build, operate and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety entities.

For more information on Vermont and FirstNet, go to:

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