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PSST Chairman to Address The National Academies

WASHINGTON, D.C. – February 25, 2008 – On Thursday, February 28, Chief Harlin McEwen, Chairman of the Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corporation (PSST), will address members of The National Academies Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy (COSEPUP). Chief McEwen will discuss matters pertaining to the creation of a nationwide broadband telecommunications infrastructure for public safety, including what must be done to assure a sustainable network is created and how it will be used during catastrophic events.

Chief McEwen said, "I'm delighted to accept this invitation to speak before this distinguished group of our nation's leading experts in science and technology. Their awareness and understanding of the public safety broadband network is critical and I'm hopeful that this discussion will lead to future contributions and innovations from the scientific community to help protect all citizens."

Richard Bissell, executive director of COSEPUP, stated, "We're convening this panel to hear from some of our nation's leading authorities on what must be done to solve our nation's public safety communications and logistical problems and we're pleased that Chief McEwen will share his expertise with the committee on this subject."

The COSEPUP meeting will take place at the National Academies Beckman Center on the campus of the University of California, Irvine. COSEPUP is the only joint committee of the three honorific academies: National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering and Institute of Medicine.

About the PSST

The PSST, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is the Public Safety Broadband Licensee (PSBL) holding an FCC license for public safety spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band designated for nationwide wireless broadband use. The PSST Board of Directors represents fifteen organizations – The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, American Hospital Association, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International, Forestry Conservation Communications Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Fire Chiefs, International City/County Managers Association, International Municipal Signal Association, National Association of State EMS Officials, National Association of State 9-1-1- Administrators, National Emergency Management Association, National Emergency Number Association, National Fraternal Order of Police, National Governors Association, and the National Sheriffs' Association. The PSST's mission is to provide national public safety leadership with an organizational structure through which decisions can be made to guide the construction and operation of an interoperable nationwide broadband network via a public safety-commercial partnership, ensuring the communications requirements of the public safety community are met. For additional information, visit www.psst.org.

About The National Academies

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