#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

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May 1, 2014

Tammi McConnell, RN, MSN Orange County EMS Administrator Health Disaster Management Emergency Medical Services 405 West Fifth St., Suite 301A Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Ms. McConnell:

This correspondence is replying to two (2) separate letters submitted by Orange County with respect to a deadline extension request for exclusive operating areas. The first letter of April 15, 2014, from Board Chairman Shawn Nelson and Health Care Agency Director Mark Refowitz, requested a one (1) year extension, and a subsequent justification letter of May 1, 2014, was submitted as requested by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) in our meeting on April 23, 2014.

We appreciated the opportunity to meet on April 23 to clarify your request, and our potential responses, with the County Executive Office, Health Care Agency, County Counsel, and the Local EMS agency (LEMSA). EMSA understands the strong arguments made by the Chief Operating Officer and the Health Care Agency Director in support of a full one (1) year extension; however, as we indicated, granting an extension for that period of time would be unprecedented. As we also said during that meeting, EMSA rarely grants extensions for exclusive operating areas that are selected via a competitive process (RFP). When EMSA has provided extensions in the past, they have been generally for no more than three (3) months based upon a strong justification from the LEMSA.

EMSA is fully cognizant that the changes required by us as a result of the *Butte County* appellate decision creates complexity in making system design changes. As a result, we verbally indicated that we would be amenable to considering a six (6) month extension provided sufficient justification and an implementation timeline was submitted, and there was a full commitment from the LEMSA, and the County, to adhere to that schedule.

EMSA has reviewed the extension request consistent with our discussions pertaining to the Orange County Emergency Ambulance RFP #OC2014-01, and is granting a six (6) month extension, beginning on September 1, 2014 and ending on March 1, 2015, at 11:59 pm, to the Orange County EMS Agency (OCEMS), to complete the RFP process for the areas indicated in the EMS plan, which were formerly configured as nineteen



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(19) separate exclusive operating areas. This extension allows those current exclusive operating areas to remain exclusive during this time period.

The extension is being given pursuant to the specifics contained in the May 1, 2014, letter from OCEMS and is based on the following criteria:

- 1. The need to complete prequalification of potential RFP bidders and to perform physical inspections of bidder resources and sites;
- 2. Selection of an evaluation committee and allow sufficient time to address any bid protests and appeals;
- 3. Data management system module purchase and testing, developing policies, procedures and guidelines, and hiring staff to monitor contracts;
- 4. Allow potential bidders adequate time to phase-in resources and prepare to cover the newly designed EOAs that are being bid upon;
- 5. Conduct field audits on each of the winning bidders in the five (5) new EOAs before implementation of contracts.

Any deviation from the proposed timeline must be approved by EMSA, prior to implementation, with clear justification as to why the deviation is necessary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laura Little, Transportation Coordinator, by email at <a href="Laura.Little@emsa.ca.gov">Laura.Little@emsa.ca.gov</a> or by phone at (916) 431-3677.

Sincerely.

Howard Backer, MD, MPH, FACEP

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Director

HB:II

CC:

Sam J. Stratton, MD, MPH, Orange County EMS Medical Director Shawn Nelson, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, 4<sup>th</sup> District Mark Refowitz, Director, Health Care Agency Mark Denny, Chief Operating Officer, Orange County Chief Executive Office James C. Harman, Supervising Deputy County Counsel



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May 2, 2014

TO:

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FROM:

SAM J. STRATTON, MD, MP

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ORANGE COUNTY EMS AGENCY

SUBJECT:

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONDUCT OF ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY

AMBULANCE RFP #OC2014-01

This memorandum is to alert Orange County EMS System participants that the California EMS Authority has granted an extension for completion of the Request for Proposal (RFP) and contracting process for the current 19 operating areas listed in attachment 1. March 2, 2015 will be the date that newly contracted 9-1-1 emergency ambulance transport services must be in place for those operating areas listed in the attachment. The state approved extension includes on-going exclusivity up to the March 2, 2015 date.

Planned release for the RFPs is May 19, 2014. Ambulance providers interested in submitting a bid for an RFP should register on BidSync and follow instructions provided in the attached February 6, 2014, announcement.

Orange County EMS appreciates the Orange County Board of Supervisors taking community input and providing written support to extend time to conduct the RFP process. The support of the Supervisors was vital for obtaining the unprecedented RFP extension granted by the California EMS Authority.

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May 23, 2014

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From:

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**EMS** Administrator

Subject:

**EVALUATION COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR MEMBERS** 

Emergency Ambulance Transport Request for Proposal (RFP)

Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) is seeking members of the community to participate on an evaluation committee pool for the upcoming 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Request for Proposal (RFP). Individuals with direct medical and emergency transport job knowledge and expertise are highly encouraged to volunteer as well as community representatives from other EMS systems; Hospitals; First Responders; EMS Educators; and Emergency Managers.

Candidates will be considered based on qualifications, expertise and must attest that they have no financial or other conflicts of interest with the process. Final members will be notified late July of their placement onto individual evaluation panels. The time commitment is variable and it is anticipated that the evaluation will occur between August 8<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014.

If you or one of your colleagues is interested in participating in this process, please complete the attached form and submit with a copy of your Curriculum Vitae to Erica Moojen via email at emoojen@ochca.com by July 10, 2014. Once received, an acknowledgement via email will be sent to confirm receipt.

cc: HCA Procurement Administrator

Attachment: Qualification Form

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#### EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBER QUALIFICATION FORM FOR

### 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance RFP

Name:  E-Mail Address:  *will be used as primary mode of contact unless otherwise specified on this form  Phone:  Address:  *******Please attach Curriculum Vitae/Resume *********  Current/Former Job Title:  Current/Former Organization/Program:  Number of Years at Organization/Program:  Professional Credentials:	
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