



# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services  
Trauma and EMS Research

**Proposals due date: Wednesday, November 30, 2016, by 5:00 pm**

## Description

1.1 The EMS Division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) on behalf of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services to obtain responses from research institutions, hospitals, and medical professionals on trauma and EMS research topics for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017-2018 Priority 2-5 grant research funding cycle.

Specifically through this RFI, the Division of Emergency Medical Services seeks to:

- Identify and compile details about trauma and EMS system research topics for potential future funding opportunities
- Promote valuable trauma and EMS system research data for enhancement of emergency medical systems throughout the State of Ohio

1.2 THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY. This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes – it does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP) or a promise to issue an RFP in the future and does not commit funding of research topic ideas. Further, the Division of EMS is not at this time seeking proposals and will not accept unsolicited proposals. Respondees are advised that the Division of EMS will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI; all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the interested party's expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future RFP, if any is issued. If a solicitation is released, it will be synopsisized on the State of Ohio Division of EMS at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov). It is the responsibility of the potential offerors to monitor these sites for additional information pertaining to this requirement.

## Background

2.1 The purpose of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Grant Program, administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, is to improve and enhance EMS and trauma patient care in Ohio through the provision of grant funding for equipment, training, and research. The

Priority 2-5 Trauma Research grants are funded in accordance with Chapter 4765-5-06 of the Ohio Administrative Code, which states the following:

Second priority (Priority 2) shall be given to entities that research, test, and evaluate medical procedures and systems related to adult and pediatric trauma care;

Third priority (Priority 3) shall be given to entities that research the causes, nature, and effects of traumatic injuries, educate the public about injury prevention, and implement, test, and evaluate injury prevention strategies.

Fourth priority (Priority 4) shall be given to entities that research, test and evaluate procedures that promote rehabilitation, retraining, and reemployment of adult or pediatric trauma victims and social service support mechanisms for adult or pediatric trauma victims and their families

Fifth priority (Priority 5) shall be given to entities that conduct research on, test, or evaluate one or more of the following:

- (a) Procedures governing the performance of emergency medical services in this state;
- (b) The training of emergency medical service personnel;
- (c) The staff of emergency medical service organizations.

2.2 RFI Issue Date: November 1, 2016

2.3 Responses Due: November 30, 2016 by 5:00 p.m. (EST)

### **Responses**

3.1 Interested parties are required to respond to this RFI close of business (5:00 p.m. EST) on November 30, 2016.

3.2 Responses must be submitted via email to [EMS-Proposals@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:EMS-Proposals@dps.ohio.gov), using the Response Form provided with this request. Responses submitted in any other format will not be considered.

### **Questions**

4.1 Questions regarding this announcement must be submitted in writing by e-mail to the Division of Emergency Medical Services at [EMS-Proposals@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:EMS-Proposals@dps.ohio.gov). Verbal questions will NOT be accepted. Questions will be answered by posting answers to the Division of Medical Services Grants website; accordingly, questions shall NOT contain proprietary or personal information. The Division does not guarantee that questions received after November 25, 2016 will be answered by the November 30<sup>th</sup> closing date. To view the RFI Questions and Answers, or other information related to this RFI, go to the Division of Emergency Medical Services Grants website, at <http://www.ems.ohio.gov/grants.aspx>.

## **Contact**

5.1 The Division of EMS may choose to contact potential RFI entities only for the purpose of obtaining further clarification of potential trauma and EMS research topics.

## **Summary**

6.1 THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) ONLY to identify trauma and EMS research topics for potential funding opportunities. The information provided in the RFI is subject to change and is not binding on the Division of Emergency Medical Services. The Division has not made a commitment to fund any of the topics discussed, and release of this RFI should not be construed as such a commitment or as authorization to incur cost for which reimbursement would be required or sought. All submissions become the property of the Division and will not be returned.