



Rappahannock Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Area EMS Agencies and Hospitals

FROM: E. Wayne Perry, Executive Director

DATE: July 21, 2017

RE: Changes to EMSTF

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In order to become compliant with the Commonwealth of Virginia's purchasing policies, the Office of Emergency Medical Services is restructuring the Emergency Medical Services Training Fund.

Funding for continuing education and auxiliary courses will no longer be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, but will instead be awarded via a competitive bid process facilitated by the regional EMS councils. Funding for initial courses is going to be distributed via a scholarship system directly to students. More information about the scholarship system will be distributed soon; this memo focuses on the new regional bidding process.

The Office of EMS set aside funds per Council based on the amount claimed from EMSTF in the last several years. For FY18, there will be funding available for Auxiliary courses and funding for Category 1 Continuing Education available for distribution in the REMS Council region. Two category 1 ALS CE courses may be funded per jurisdiction.

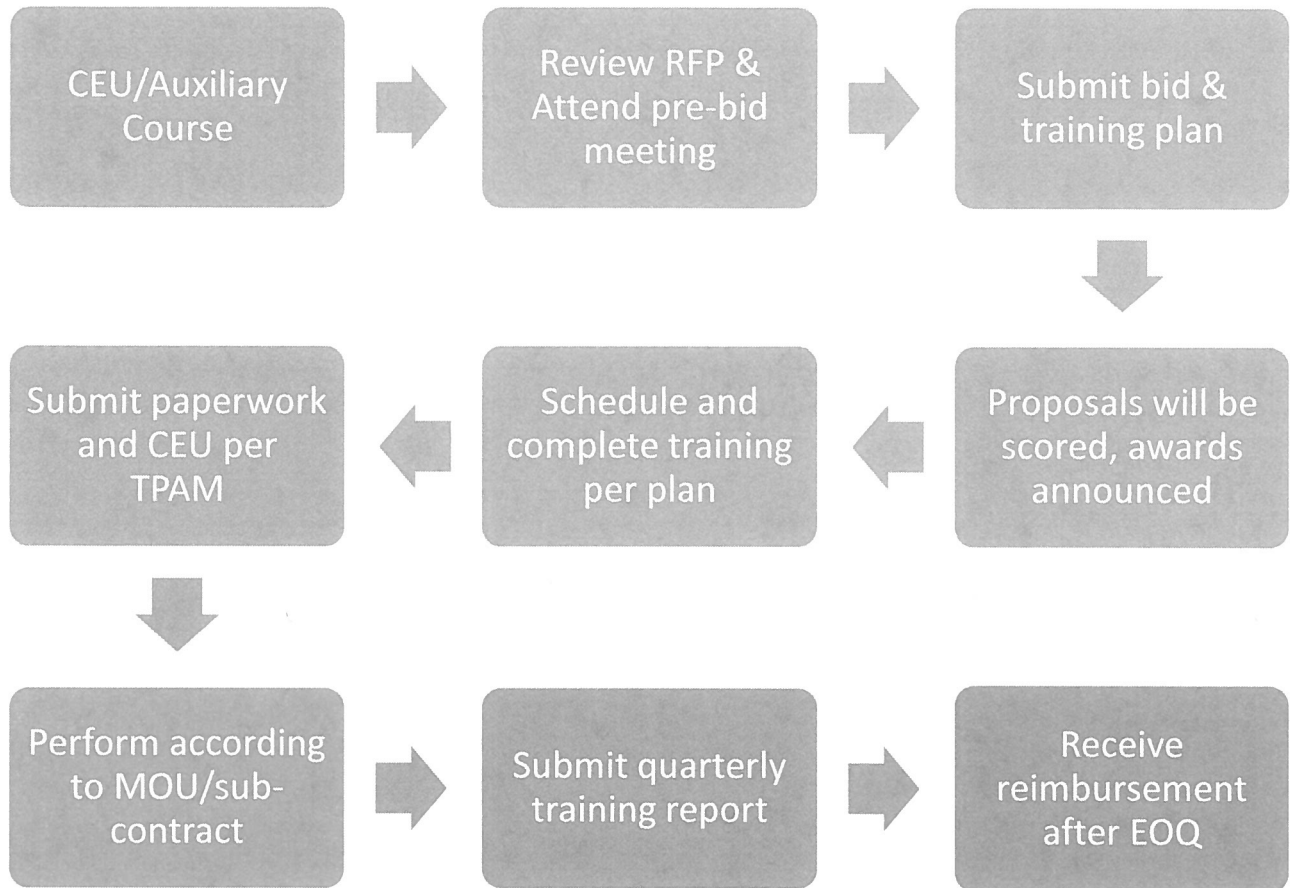
Bids will be accepted for one or multiple jurisdictions of coverage, and more than one award may be made. Each city or county in the REMS Council service area is considered a jurisdiction. If there are unsuccessful or zero bids for a jurisdiction, the Council will look into being able to provide Continuing Education for that area.

Auxiliary courses that are considered eligible for funds (per TPAM policy T-1415) include ACLS, PALS, PEARS, ITLS, PITLS, PHTLS, EPC, AMLS, EMS Safety, GEMS, PEPL, TECC, TCCC-MP, PEPP

There will be two bidding periods per year. The Council will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) and hold a pre-bid meeting for each cycle. Please see attached flowchart to view the individual steps of the pre- and post-award process.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Council staff at 540-373-0249 or via email at rems@vaems.org.

FY2018 Procurement Process for CEU and Auxiliary Training Funds



Period of bid for the initial start of program	08/15/17 - 09/14/17
Pre-bid meeting	09/01/17
Bid award announcement	09/17/17
Period of award for start of program	10/01/17 - 03/31/18

- Bids will be accepted for one or multiple jurisdictions of coverage
- Multiple bids may be awarded
- Unsuccessful/no bids for a particular jurisdiction (CEU) will default to REMS