



## Scope:

The Indiana Emergency Medical Services a division of Indiana Department of Homeland Security has been provided funds to enhance EMS staffing. As part of the state budget requested by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and approved by the Indiana legislature this year, IDHS will be administering about \$5.7 million for the next two fiscal years to enhance EMS in Indiana.

Part of this funding will be used to support EMT and Paramedic training course including improving pass rates for our EMT and paramedic programs. At this time, we are seeking RFP for test preparation packages to improve our state EMS pass rates with the NREMT. The bid may be awarded to single provider or multiple providers. In essence, Indiana seeks to have a statewide test preparation package to ensure our EMS students are trained and have every opportunity to successfully complete the NREMT certification competency entrance testing.

The program is available for two years which will be two one-year periods. The one-year periods shall be based upon fiscal years so July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the historical numbers for the certifications and the goals for the next two years:

| Certification | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 Goal | 2025 Goal |
|---------------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
| EMT           | 1318 | 1684 | 1900      | 2100      |
| Advanced EMT  | 68   | 115  | 130       | 145       |
| Paramedic     | 262  | 368  | 450       | 500       |

## Basic Requirements:

The awarded bidder(s) will work with IDHS to facilitate data necessary to determine the effectiveness of the program.

## Bid package:

Bidders should submit a package that includes the following:

| Bid Cost Sheet             |            |  |           |            |       |
|----------------------------|------------|--|-----------|------------|-------|
|                            |            | <i>Price points at given quantities that may be purchased.</i> |           |            |       |
|                            | Quantities | 1 - 200  | 201 - 500 | 501 - 1000 | 1000+ |
| <b>EMT Test Prep</b>       | Price      |  |           |            |       |
|                            | Quantities | 1 - 200  | 201 - 500 | 501 - 1000 | 1000+ |
| <b>Paramedic Test Prep</b> | Price      |  |           |            |       |

- Addresses how their package addresses the bid specifications or what specifications cannot be met.
- Presents data demonstrating that the test preparation package is effective, e.g. is there a correlation to the NREMT competency testing pass rates.
- Include a listing of any training institutions that use their test preparation package as well as number of students have been covered as well as performance information that includes number of packages/students and the pass status (if known) for the NREMT certification examination.
- Pricing information per student
  - Students that are enrolled in an IDHS EMS c
    - EMT: six month or longer from activation
    - Paramedic: one year or longer package from activation
  - IDHS would provide bidder with successful passing information from the NREMT within the first 3 testing attempts and the bidder would then be able to bill for the testing package.
  - Candidates that do not pass within three (3) attempts or one year would be eligible for “money back guarantee” that the vendors have.

**Bid Specifications:**

The electronic web-based or app-based program should include the following elements related to EMS entrance certification preparation:

- Package based upon the national curriculum for each level of EMT, advanced EMT and paramedic.
- Simulated NREMT exams through practice tests.
- A preference for adaptive testing technology.
- Predicted scoring of student
- Timed Tests
- Detailed rationale for answers
- Extras included such as flash cards, lectures, etc.
- Minimum of 500 test question available to students
- Targeted quizzes that combine questions from weak areas
- Focus on specific topics
- Program can be used on a phone/tablet/laptop (minimum of 1 device)
- Access codes or similar will be provided to IDHS for the quantities that have been purchased. IDHS will determine the and decimate the code usages.