Stakeholder Input Opportunity

The Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) was created by law to help ensure coordination among Federal agencies involved with State, local, tribal, or regional emergency medical services and 9-1-1 systems. As discussed at their December 16, 2010 meeting, FICEMS is assessing the current and future role of the Federal government in EMS and evaluating the options for establishing or designating a Federal lead office or agency for EMS. The National Security Staff Resilience Directorate has requested that FICEMS engage with stakeholders and develop an options paper by May 15, 2011.

Your organization has been identified as an important stakeholder group from which FICEMS requests input.

FICEMS is interested in any stakeholder input about the role of the Federal government in the full continuum of emergency medical services and emergency and trauma care for adults and children -- including medical 9-1-1 and emergency medical dispatch, prehospital emergency medical services (both ground and air), hospital-based emergency care and trauma care, and medical-related disaster preparedness.

With respect to this full continuum of emergency medical services and emergency and trauma care for adults and children any stakeholder input would be appreciated regarding topics such as:

- The role of the Federal government
- Activities or functions that should NOT be the role of Federal government.
- The role of a Federal lead office for EMS if it were established including the functions/issues it should perform and address
- Other comments or suggestions

If you wish to submit comments, please do so to FICEMS@dot.gov. We would appreciate your input by April 18th to allow its consideration during the development of the options paper. Of course, earlier submissions would be helpful.