

# EMS Local Projects Grant applications due May 17, 2012

The application for fiscal year (FY) 2013 Local Projects Grant (LPG) funding is now available. You can download the application (called a Request for Proposal, or RFP) from the Texas Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD). Go to [www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstramasystems/LPG2013announcement.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstramasystems/LPG2013announcement.shtm) for information and the link to the ESBD site.

The following are application details that can help ensure your application is received and processed.

- The application deadline is May 17, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. C.D.T. Applications received after the deadline **will not be considered**. Applications must be mailed; those received by email or fax will not be considered.
- Eligible applicants will be department-licensed EMS providers, department-registered first responder organizations, Regional EMS/Trauma Advisory Councils (RACs), EMS education organizations and prehospital injury prevention organizations. Organizations must be a legal entity under state statutes and maintain good standing with DSHS and other state and federal programs. Detailed requirements are listed in the RFP.
- Projects funded through LPGs include EMS personnel certification training; specialty training related to prehospital health care management; communication equipment; patient care equipment, including ambulances and non-disposable supplies; injury-prevention projects and continuing education programs. We recently began funding accreditation fees paid to CoAEMSP and CAAHEP for department-approved paramedic education programs seeking initial CoAEMSP accreditation. Accreditation fees paid prior to the LPG contract start date or after the contract end date will not be eligible for reimbursement. Refer to the RFP for details.
- Frequently asked questions from previous years are included on the RFP in Appendix F. The deadline to ask new questions about the RFP has passed; however, all new questions and answers submitted before the deadline are posted on the Electronic State Business Daily website at [esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/bid\\_show.cfm?bidid=93882](http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/bid_show.cfm?bidid=93882).

## GETAC Austin

May 9-11  
August 15-17  
November 10-12  
(in conjunction  
with Texas EMS  
Conference)

### TEXAS EMS CERTIFICATIONS AS OF APRIL 4, 2012

ECA	2,956
EMT	32,202
EMT-I	3,893
EMT-P	15,562
LP	6,090
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60,703</b>
BASIC COORDINATOR	115
ADVANCED COORDINATOR	223
INSTRUCTOR	2,192

## EMS Obituaries

**James "Jim" Collins, 37**, died April 9, 2012. Collins served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1998 until 2003. In July 2008, he joined the Brazos County Precinct 4 Fire Department and served as a firefighter and EMT. Most recently, Collins was a paramedic with St. Joseph EMS.

**Thomas William "Bill" Dillion, 49**, of Bellville, collapsed suddenly and died on March 14, 2012, while responding to a fire call in Houston. Dillion joined the Houston Fire Department in 1989 and climbed the ranks throughout the years, becoming certified as an EMT, and ultimately reaching Senior Captain in 2002.



**Brody Fleming, 24**, of The Colony, died March 12, 2012, following a March 7 stroke. Fleming was a fire rescue specialist and EMT with the Plano Fire Department and had previously served in the Navy in Japan.

**Kenneth Klein, 65**, of Plano, died March 24, 2012. Klein's EMS career spanned more than 25 years, largely with the Plano Fire Department. He was awarded the EMS Administrator of the Year award by the state of Texas in 2010. Klein was a licensed paramedic, EMS captain and at the age of 50, became a registered nurse. He retired from the city of Plano in January 2012.

**Anthony "Tony" Myers, 73**, died March 1, 2012, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, following complications from a long-term illness. Myers had retired from East Texas Medical Center after serving as vice president of EMS. During 17 years with ETMC-EMS, Myers helped expand the service area throughout East Texas and developed a national outreach program, Paramedics Plus.