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New York State's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Selects PES to Deliver Testing Services

New York, NY, November 2007—Professional Examination Service (PES) is pleased to announce a three-year contract to deliver testing services to the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (NYS-EMS). Under the terms of the contract, PES will provide examination development, printing, distribution, and scoring & reporting services for NYS-EMS's EMT and Certified First Responder (CFR) programs as well as for its three advanced programs—the EMT-Intermediate Examination, EMT-Critical Care Examination, and EMT-Paramedic Examination. All five examinations are currently administered to a total of approximately 21,500 candidates annually at various locations throughout the state of New York.

Commenting on the contract, Karen Meggenhofen, Associate Director of NYS-EMS's Education & Certification Unit, said, "PES's staff is very knowledgeable and has a depth of experience that is invaluable to NYS-EMS's certification program. Our two organizations worked very well together in the past, and we know that we can rely on the quality of the products and services we receive from PES."

I. Leon Smith, PES President and CEO, said, "PES was extremely proud of the work we did as NYS-EMS's credentialing partner from 1975 to 2004, supporting the expansion of its certification program from a single basic credential to one that includes two basic and three advanced credentials. We look forward to renewing our collaboration, especially at a time when the need for certified emergency medical service providers has become more critical than ever before."

Under the terms of the contract, additional testing locations and onsite scoring will be provided at selected administrations. Commenting on these services, Meggenhofen offered, "We value PES's ability to handle our large candidate volume and numerous administrations each year. This will help us to ensure the continued delivery of high quality service to our certification candidates."

About NYS-EMS—The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services is located within the New York State Department of Health, Office of Health Systems Management. The Bureau is responsible for overseeing the EMS system, and for assuring that timely and appropriate emergency medical care is available throughout the state of New York. It does this in a number of ways, including: approving all EMT certification courses and assisting in the development of curricula; conducting examinations and issuing individual EMT certification; and administering the state aid program that provides free training leading to certification.

About PES—Since 1941, PES has provided assessment and consulting services to organizations across a broad range of professions, in support of professional licensure and certification, training, and continuing professional education. PES offers a full range of assessment and testing services, including practice analysis and test specification development, item and examination development, test administration, psychometric analysis, scoring and reporting, and program management. PES specializes in high-quality evaluation research that is tailored to the needs of each client's program and the special interest of its stakeholders, including a wide variety of studies and developmental efforts to assist in the planning and implementation of new programs, or the evaluation and enhancement of existing programs. PES also offers advisory services, including strategic and policy planning, and association management. To learn more about PES, visit us online at <http://www.proexam.org>.

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