

FICEMS Assessment Committee: Proposed 2 Year Priorities 2009-2011

Working Group Focus Area	Objective	Near-Term Focused Goals	Longer Term Focused Goals	Potential Output
National EMS Assessment	Identify key questions and data sources for baseline assessment	Provide on-going direction to the UNC study	Develop a Report to Congress based on UNC findings	Briefings to TWG/FICEMS Report to Congress
	Develop a process for an ongoing National EMS Assessment	Identify potential funding sources Solicit stakeholder feedback on assessment methodology	Develop SOW for process to determine indicators and benchmarks for ongoing National EMS Assessment	Briefings to TWG/FICEMS Published RFA to develop a national EMS assessment instrument
EMS Preparedness	Ensure inclusion of EMS preparedness issues in National EMS Assessment	Open and maintain dialog with TWG Preparedness Committee and UNC investigators	TWG Preparedness Committee input is incorporated into final UNC work plan	EMS preparedness fully addressed in National EMS Assessment report
Interoperability of EMS Communications	Develop a self-reporting instrument to be used at the state or local level	Identify key interoperability assessment indicators Explore data availability	Explore mechanisms to promote or require assessment at State level	Joint meetings with TWG Preparedness Committee Recommendation to TWG about interoperability assessment needs
Funding of EMS Systems and Cost-effectiveness	Define and describe characteristics of EMS system configurations in US Identify sources of funding for EMS systems Assess cost effectiveness of funding mechanisms by EMS system configuration	Establish definitions of EMS systems (Monitor JHU & UNC studies) Explore funding options for study of EMS system funding & cost effectiveness Determine EMS system outcomes relevant to CEA	Develop SOW to study EMSS funding & cost-effectiveness (2 studies?) Describe spectrum of funding sources for EMS systems by system type	Briefing to the TWG/FICEMS Propose definitions of EMS systems for FICEMS endorsement Published RFA for study(ies) to describe sources of EMS system funding and EMS system cost effectiveness

Abbreviations: UNC – University of North Carolina; JHU – Johns Hopkins University;
CEA – cost-effectiveness analysis; SOW – statement of work; RFA – request for application