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Mr. Tony Sauer, Director

California Department of Rehabilitation

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Dear Director Sauer:

I am pleased to announce the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) application process to integrate disability representatives on Emergency Function (EF) workgroups. Each EF is led by a State Agency and is designed to bring together discipline-specific stakeholders to collaborate and support all phases of emergency management: prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. Therefore, we are expanding the California EF workgroups to include representatives from the disability communities.

As background, Senate Bill 1451 (Kehoe, Chapter 600, Statutes of 2006) was enacted requiring the Cal OES Director to appoint representatives from the disability communities on the evacuation, sheltering, communication, recovery, volunteer and other pertinent Standardized Emergency Management Systems (SEMS) committees, as well as the SEMS Technical Working Group. Although most specialist committees have been dissolved over time due to the implementation of the EF process, I embrace the purpose and intent ofSB 1451 to include the expertise and experience of the disability communities. The bill requires that representatives should be, to the extent practicable, from the following groups:

I. People who are blind and/or have low vision

2. People with other sensory needs, such as deaf and hard of hearing

3. People with cognitive/intellectual disabilities

4. People with physical disabilities.

Attached is the application to complete, as well as additional information on the EF's. Please share this information with anyone who might be interested in applying. We would appreciate receiving applications no later than Friday, December 20, 2013, and plan to assign representation in

January, 2014. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you require more information or assistance in this matter, please contact Richard Devylder, Office for Access and Functional Needs at (916) 845-8981 or email at: richard.dev y lder@caloes.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Nomination Application

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