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To whom this may concern -

I understand the deadline for petitioning participation within this pilot program was May 1st, 2013 and our request comes exceedingly late. Notwithstanding I would respectfully ask that you consider our organization if at all possible. I realize that since six months has passed since the pilot began, the amount of information the PHMSA has derived from "on time" participants might already be in the processing stages. With that said this request may simply be nothing more than an attempt to offer our organization up for any future tests and or succeeding studies of the information the PHMSA has already gathered.

As the largest bulk carrier in North America Quality Distribution Inc. understands and can comply with the following;

**Participation is completely voluntary, and that: (1) volunteering does not guarantee our organization will be selected for participation by PHMSA; and (2) PHMSA will not provide monetary compensation for participants, and participants will receive no direct benefit from participating in the pilot tests,**

- Possess e-HM communication system(s) capable of managing and communicating the HM shipping paper information at our own expense,
- Possess our own equipment and personnel and/or contractor resources necessary to transport HM shipments,
- Be willing to allow, and participate in, inspections and emergency response simulations during the pilot tests,
- Be willing to provide feedback on experiences regarding e-HM communication during the pilot tests, including providing actual e-HM communications data from the pilot tests,
- Be willing to provide information on the basic function and capabilities of their e-HM communication system(s),
- Be willing to provide information on administrative, business, training, equipment, and operational-related costs and benefits associated with implementing e-HM communication system(s),
- Transport HM within the targeted test regions of the U.S., and
- Be in good standing with all levels of government and demonstrate compliance with ALL applicable regulations governing the safe and secure transportation of HM

Thanking you in advance for any consideration you may offer.

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