- 1. Objections to RFP requirements may be filed prior to September 9, 2020. Objections regarding, the content of any addenda must be filed within 5 days of the addenda being issued.
- 2. Protests regarding the procurement process or the notice of intent to award must be filed prior to contract award.
- 3. MVEMSA will only review protests submitted by an interested party, defined as an actual or prospective Proposer whose direct economic interest could be affected by MVEMSA's conduct of the solicitation.
- 4. Submit protests to: Lance Doyle, Executive Director (CalaverasRFP@mvemsa.com), Mountain-Valley EMS Agency 1101 Standiford Ave., Suite D1, Modesto, CA 95350.
- 5. Protest not resolved at this level maybe appealed to a higher-level authority by going to the MVEMSA Board of Director member unaffiliated with Calaveras County.

## B. Protest Deadlines

Submit protests with any supplemental materials by 10:00 a.m. PST, as appropriate, on the deadlines set forth on page 2 of this RFP. The date of filing is the date MVEMSA receives the protest, unless received after 5 p.m. PST, or on other than a Business Day, in which case the date of filing will be the next Business Day. Failure to file by the relevant deadline constitutes a waiver of any protest on those grounds. Supplemental materials filed after the relevant deadline may be rejected by MVEMSA.

- 1. If relating to the content of the solicitation or to addenda, file within five Business Days after the date MVEMSA releases the solicitation or addendum.
- 2. If relating to any notice of non-responsiveness or non-responsibility, file within five Business Days after MVEMSA issues such notice.
- 3. If relating to intent to award, file within five Business Days after MVEMSA issues notice of Intent to Award. No protests will be accepted once actual award has been made.

## C. Protest Contents

- 1. The letter of protest must include all of the following elements:
  - a. Detailed grounds for the protest, fully supported with technical data, test results, documentary evidence, names of witnesses, and other pertinent information related to the subject being protested; and
  - b. The law, rule, regulation, ordinance, provision or policy upon which the protest is based, with an explanation of the violation.
- 2. Protests that simply disagree with decisions of the Evaluation Committee will be rejected.

## D. Reply to Protest

MVEMSA will send a written response to the protesting party and to any other party named in the protest.

## E. No Stay of Procurement Action during Protest

Nothing in these protest requirements will prevent MVEMSA from proceeding with negotiations or awarding a contract while a protest is pending.