



# CHEMICAL PROTECTION CHALLENGE

## *CALL FOR ENTRIES*

*The current state of protection from chemical and nerve agents is insufficient and puts emergency services personnel at risk. As a nation we are expecting our emergency services personnel to protect us without full protections for themselves. Throughout the spring of 2014 the Emergency Services Coalition for Medical Preparedness (Coalition) conducted discussions with local and state public health, industry, emergency services providers and line personnel. The feedback from these discussions described gaps in protections and policies, including:*

- products are not close enough to the point of engagement;
- outdated monitoring and inventory management;
- caching policies are inconsistent with needs for timely care.

The Coalition is challenging all interested parties to help us describe the next generation policies, procedures, products and operational plans for the chemical protective system needed to protect the United States and it's protectors in emergency services.

**SUBMIT AN ENTRY!** Enter your proposal in Chemical Protection Challenge. The Challenge will award \$5,000 for the best ideas.

Deadline to submit: July 10, 2014. Visit the Coalition website at [www.emergencyservicescoalition.org](http://www.emergencyservicescoalition.org), for details.