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Dear Contractors:

Some of the firefighters who went through the Language Skills Assessment during our trial year were not successful in passing. Along with the LSA development discussions, were plans to develop a preparatory course to adequately prepare firefighters for the evaluation. The course has been completed and is now available for those who wish to take advantage of it. The trial LSA year gave us ample opportunity to assess whether the course would reap success, and how to approach the needs of the firefighters being evaluated. The final product is the four-hour Language Skills Assessment Preparation class, which will review fireline terminology in both English and Spanish, and its application to the fireline. This is an optional course intended to help individuals to pass the LSA, it is not required.

We are looking forward to another successful year of LSA, and hope to have an even higher passing rate with this addition to our offerings. You will shortly receive a schedule of the offerings for both the LSA and the preparation course. These will be offered jointly on several weekends throughout the winter and spring.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas N. Laugle".

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