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To: LMSC Chairs LMSC OW/LD Chairs  
National Championship Event Directors USMS Long Distance Committee  
USMS Open Water Committee USMS Board of Directors

Subject: USMS Open Water and Long Distance National Championship Bids for 2014

Greetings! The 2014 U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) Long Distance National Championship bid form for Postal and Open Water events is attached. We encourage all interested organizations to submit bids.

The bid form is a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet with two tabs: one for **Postal**, and another for **Open Water (OW)**. Please fill out the appropriate bid form and email to me by **August 1, 2012**. Attachments to the bid form, such as maps for OW swims, logos, and pertinent event details, are not required but will definitely be considered. A safety plan for the OW events is required to be submitted with the bid.

You will receive an email response acknowledging confirmation that your bid form was received. Please follow up via phone (number below) if you do not receive an email confirmation within 3 days.

Site/host selection for the 2014 events will occur *prior* to the 2012 USMS Annual Convention. Committee collaboration, review, and discussion of all bids will take place via conference calls before the Convention. There will be a conference call with the Postal National Championship bidders and the LDC Bid Selection sub-committee on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm EDT and a conference call with the Open Water National Championship bidders and the LDC Bid Selection sub-committee on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm EDT.

Selection will be based on the overall suitability of the bid received, and in the case of open water, we will also consider the area in which the event is to be held, safety, and annual event schedule as a whole. Bids received after August 1<sup>st</sup> may not be considered if a qualified, timely bid has already been received for the same event. We encourage bidding for multiple events to strengthen your options.

While we will no longer conduct interviews at the Convention, the bid winners are encouraged to provide a 10 minute presentation and provide handouts where practical. Bid winners will be alerted as to when these presentations will take place at Convention.

The current USMS calendar includes both open water and pool long distance events. For examples of current events, this calendar is available at <http://www.usms.org/longdist/ldchamps.php> and <http://www.usms.org/comp/ldcalendar.php>. National Championship information, manuals and other important resources are available at <http://www.usms.org/longdist/manuals.php>.

Please feel free to copy this email to any interested party and contact me if you have any questions.  
Sincerely,

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