Date: September 11, 2018

To: Section Managers, Section Emergency Coordinators

CC: ARRL Board of Directors

From: Public Service Enhancement Working Group

Subject: Comment period for the ARES Strategic Plan

Greetings everyone.

The PSEWG wishes to extend its thanks to everyone who has offered comments on the proposed ARES Strategic Plan. We are carefully reviewing each and every offering as they arrive in the system.

For those who have not yet submitted their offering, we wish to remind everyone that the final submission date as required by the ARRL Board of Directors is October 31, 2018.

The PSEWG has provided a web site for all SMs and SECs to input your information. This gives the PSEWG a common vehicle for compiling, sorting, collating review and comparison of submitted material. It is very important that all submissions use this procedure. We have unfortunately received some material outside of this process, typically by e-mail. This delays review of the material and requires us to respond to the submitter and ask for an entry through the PSEWG's input page. While these ideas may be absolutely excellent, timely and spot on, doing an end-run around the entry system could mean the submission may be inadvertently overlooked.

Effective with this message, the PSEWG can only guarantee receipt of information directly entered into the process web page:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenvATrjogzSWRwJMv4ZvSzXSiX3s-qk2Q-u-rUWUaTB\_i6Gg/viewform

The PSEWG is treating each submission carefully, based upon its own merits. It is the ideas that get considered, so it matters not if you are a relatively new SEC or a long tenured SM, we look at the thoughts and suggestions with sincere interest. Please submit your ideas as soon as possible. You are welcome to consult with your staff members and ECs to include their suggestions.

Thanks and 73,

ARRL Public Service Enhancement Working Group