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## PROCARE AMBULANCE OF MARYLAND, INC. RECEIVES MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CERTIFICATION IN TWO AREAS

-- Local Business Becomes the First Company in Maryland with Minority Business Certification in Both Special Needs Transportation and Ambulance Service --

**BALTIMORE, MD – July 23, 2012** – Procare Ambulance of Maryland, Inc., a woman-owned, full-service commercial ambulance and wheelchair van transportation company, is pleased to announce that it is the first company in the State of Maryland to receive certification as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) in the areas of both Special Needs Transportation and Ambulance Services. The recognition comes from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

"This is a very exciting time for Procare. The company has been enjoying steady growth over the last five years and receiving our MBE certification in two areas will open even more doors for Procare," states Debbie Ailiff, President and CEO of the company. "We remain focused on providing exceptional customer service to our existing clients and hope that the MBE status enables us to reach more patients and families who deserve the highest quality medical transportation and on-time performance."

Having MBE certification offers a number of benefits, including greater exposure to contracting opportunities and inclusion in MDOT's online directory of certified firms. A business must be recognized as a MBE in order to be counted toward the minority participation goal on state-funded contracts issued by the State of Maryland, contracts funded by counties and cities within Maryland that accept MDOT's certification for their minority participation programs, and federally-funded contracts issued by the U. S. Department of Transportation.

In order to receive certification, interested organizations must meet eligibility standards, submit a comprehensive application, undergo an on-site investigation and pass an evaluation that includes a formal interview by the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee (MBEAC). This process also involves a detailed review of the company's financial records, policies and procedures, and compliance with state and federal laws.

MBE certification requires annual renewal, consisting of a formal interview and confirmation of continued compliance with the standards set by the MBEAC.

About Procare Ambulance of Maryland Inc. (www.procareambulance.net) - Procare Ambulance of Maryland, Inc. is a commercial ambulance and wheelchair van transportation service providing emergency and nonemergency ambulance and wheelchair van transportation throughout the State of Maryland 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Procare's staff includes highly skilled and compassionate teams of Registered Nurses, Critical Care Paramedics, Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians and Emergency Medical Dispatchers. Procare has provided high quality medical transportation, compassionate patient care, and reliable service throughout the State of Maryland since 2005. Procare has offices in Baltimore and Anne Arundel County. For more information, visit www.procareambulance.net.