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## **Action Ambulance Service Desires PEDA Site for New Regional Headquarters**

**Pittsfield, MA** – Pittsfield Economic Development Authority’s (PEDA) Executive Director, Corydon Thurston announced today that he has executed a “Letter of Intent” (LOI) with Action Ambulance Service to build a new 17,000 square foot regional headquarters facility in the William Stanley Business Park. The proposed facility will be an office, garage, service and training headquarters for the business. Thurston credited former PEDA Executive Bill Hines and Mayor James Ruberto for their efforts to encourage Action Ambulance to consider the PEDA opportunity. Talks began almost immediately after they received their license to operate in the City earlier this year. The Letter of Intent took form over the past couple of months and a final version was presented and approved by the PEDA Board of Directors at their meeting yesterday.

Thurston explained that an LOI, outlines the basic parameters for an agreement and effectively takes the property off the market while Action Ambulance conducts their due diligence. During that time their design team and architect will fit the facility to the site and the legal teams will pounds out the details of a formal Ground Lease. The parcel is identified as Lot 4 in the PEDA Master Plan and is a 1.3 acre tract bounded by Woodlawn Ave to the west, the CSX Rail line to the North and the large East St parking lot to the South.

Mayor James Ruberto stated, “This is another very positive development for the City of Pittsfield and we are so happy to have another new business in our market join Mountain One and choose this beautiful, reclaimed property in the William Stanley Business Park to make their investment, build their headquarters building and grow jobs.”

“Action Ambulance is very happy to be moving forward with the building of a permanent home in Pittsfield. We believe that this investment signifies our commitment to the City of Pittsfield and we feel the former GE site is a perfect location, and adds to the wonderful renewal activities under way at the William Stanley Business Park,” stated Michael Woronka, Action’s Chief Executive Officer.

“Additionally, this is an ideal geographical location to deliver our service and offers the opportunity for additional facility expansion if needed,” continued Woronka.

Action Ambulance started operations within the City of Pittsfield on February 15, 2011. Action provides emergency and non-emergent medical transportation services within the City of Pittsfield and surrounding communities. To date, Action has been fortunate to hire more than thirty one (31) employees with another five (5) expected to be on line by mid-November 2011. Action anticipates the hiring of an additional thirty six (36) employees over the next year and another sixty (60) over the next two (2) – three (3) years. This new facility will be a key springboard for Action to bring additional jobs to the City of Pittsfield and to assure the community that they will continue to have a high quality Emergency Medical Services provider as health care rapidly changes. Action envisions the facility will be large enough to house multiple vehicles, contain crew quarters and have a classroom that will accommodate community based educational programs.

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