



Solicitation Information
August 1, 2019

Addendum #1

RFP #7598898

TITLE: FELLOWSHIP MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Submission Deadline: August 19, 2019 at 2:00 PM (ET)

Attached are vendor questions with State responses.

No further questions will be answered.

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Chief Buyer

1) How many years does the state of Rhode Island plan to run the fellowship management program?

This is unknown at this time. The duration of the program is dependent on its success and value to the state.

2) How many Fellows does the state anticipate placing in the first year, and in following years?

While at this early stage of process we do not have an idea of an appropriate number, we do anticipate the first year there being a limited number of fellows being placed to allow for the program to find its footing, and then scaling up in subsequent years based on the program's success.

3) Does the state prefer that its Fellows are from Rhode Island or studied there?

The state is open to fellows coming from all geographical locations and educational institutions across the US.

4) What does the state hope that the Fellows will do after their fellowship?

The intent of this fellowship program is to provide meaningful work to these fellows, who will then take this positive experience with them in whatever they choose to do.

5) How many years do the Fellows serve in their positions? Do they rotate between roles, or do they stay in a single role during the entire fellowship?

These are questions that we will be looking to the management organization to help us answer, based on best practices and their program experience.

6) What is the cost-share structure? How will the fellowship management organization receive funds? Through the specific state agencies for each Fellow hosted, through a block grant, etc.

We are unable to answer this question at this early stage of the process.

7) What are the training requirements for each of the Fellows?

We will be looking to the management organization to provide recommendations as to training needs and opportunities based on their experience in the fellowship field, as well as recommendations that a specific fellow may need in order to complement and enhance their fellowship experience.