

ADDENDUM 2 QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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 To: All Applicants
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 RE: Addendum for Request for Applications Number 4446

Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request for Applications. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request for Applications. It is the Applicant's responsibility to check the DHHS website for all addenda or amendments.

Question Number	RFA Section Reference	RFA Page Number	Question	DHHS Response
1.	2.2 Evaluation Activity	4	Does the evaluation assessment, as described in 2.2.3, need to occur prior to the award of the RFA and be described in the application, or should the evaluation assessment be conducted as the first step of the evaluation activity after the RFA is awarded?	The data collection plan and measurable indicators need to be described as part of the application. The actual assessment would be conducted as the first step in the LB 485 study as a starting point in the independent evaluation.
2.	2.2 Evaluation Activity	4	How do we define who is a "key stakeholder" as outlined in 2.2.4? The economist would be a key contributor but how about stakeholder engagement participants/subcontractors who are, potentially, used to reach underserved populations? Where do we draw the line or how do we define a "key stakeholder?"	Key contributors include those who are critical and central to performing the work outlined in the Subaward.

3.	N/A	N/A	If, by mid-November, there is only one applicant can this be changed to a "sole source" procurement method with no need for the formal application response?	No, the application materials and timeline will remain as published because this is not a contract for services. The sole source method only applies to contracting for services therefore it does not apply to this Request for Application opportunity.
4.	N/A	N/A	If the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL) is identified as a research partner, versus a different economist vendor, are they a joint applicant or can they be a subcontractor of the subawardee since UNL has special procurement methods?	UNL may be considered a joint applicant or as a subcontractor of the vendor selected to conduct the study.
5.	N/A	N/A	Who decided to utilize the Request For Application (RFA) process?	The Department of Health and Human Services, with Legal Department advice, provided the determination for the RFA process as it offers a fair opportunity for any person of interest and qualification in Nebraska to conduct this report.

This addendum will become part of the Application and should be acknowledged with the Request for Applications response.