

SOLICITATION OF INTEREST

Title: Solicitation of Interest # 20453 – Physician Workforce Studies

AGENCY: New York State Department of Health
Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management
Division of Workforce Transformation

Contract Number: TBD

Contract Term: 1/1/2024-12/31/2025

Date of Issue: December 8, 2023

Due Date/Time: December 22, 2023 4:00PM EST

County(ies): Statewide-All Counties

Location: Statewide

Classification: Medical & Health Care

Opportunity Type: Grant or notice of funds availability

Description: The New York State Department of Health, Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management, Center for Health Care Policy and Resource Development, Division of Workforce Transformation announces the opportunity for qualified, not-for-profit vendors to contract to perform Physician Workforce Studies pursuant to Subdivision 5-a of Section 2807-m of the Public Health Law.

The New York State Department of Health is focused on achieving the highest level of health for all New Yorkers and will utilize efforts to address avoidable inequalities by equalizing conditions for access to health care for those who have experienced injustices, socioeconomic disadvantages, and systemic disadvantages. Health equity is about addressing the needs experienced by individuals and communities.

The Physician Workforce Studies scope of work is a critical component of The New York State Department of Health's commitment to health equity. Health disparities are measurable differences in health status, access to care, and quality of care as determined by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, a preferred language other than English, gender expression, disability status, aging population, immigration status, and socioeconomic status. Health disparities can result from multiple social determinants of health. Social determinants of health are the circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, work, and age, as well as the systems put in place to deal with illness. To address health disparities, we must be able to identify and measure them. Having good data is critical to these efforts.

The objective of the Physician Workforce Studies contract is to improve access to health care services in New York State communities that are underserved, isolated or medically vulnerable as one strategy to facilitate health equity. The awarded vendor will conduct statewide community health needs assessments, manage and coordinate shortage designation, assess the physician workforce availability to meet the needs of underserved populations throughout New York State and provide technical assistance to stakeholders.

Expected Activities/Work Performed

1. Develop and Conduct Statewide Community Health Needs Assessments
The successful vendor will conduct needs assessments in primary care, mental health, and dental health to understand current areas of need. This component will involve the analysis of several different data sets on an annual and as needed basis.
2. Coordinate and Manage Health Professional Shortage Designation and Provide Technical Assistance to Stakeholders
 - *The successful vendor will perform shortage designation work following the process set forth by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, Division of Shortage Designation, Bureau of Workforce Shortage.*
<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/workforce-shortage-areas>
 - *The successful vendor will provide technical assistance on shortage area designation requirements, the status of current designations, available service obligated programs in New York State, and the link between shortage area designations and service obligated programs. Technical assistance will include developing and updating materials to share with stakeholders, phone calls, meetings, and presentations.*
3. Data Collection of Health Professionals
Nurse Practitioners licensed in New York are required by New York State to provide information about their practice characteristics at the time of their license re-registration. The successful vendor will work with the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department to download, clean, analyze, store, and publicly report the data gathered from the New York State Education Department .
4. Monitor Outcomes of Graduate Medical Training in New York State
The successful vendor will conduct an annual survey of physicians who complete graduate medical training in the state and publish an annual report based on the survey results. New York State continues to have shortages in primary care providers. The significance of this survey is to provide insight into the percentage of physicians who leave the state to practice elsewhere after completing their training.

5. Provide consultation to the New York State Department of Health concerning Health Workforce Trends
The successful vendor will provide the New York State Department of Health requested information, guidance and assistance related to health workforce data, analysis and planning.

Minimum Qualifications

- The organization is a not-for-profit.
- The organization is eligible to do business with New York State;
- The organization has at least five (5) years of experience with conducting health workforce research including data analyses and evaluation projects.
- The Principal Investigator affiliated with the organization has at least five (5) years of experience with conducting health workforce research including data analyses and evaluation projects.
- The organization’s mission and values demonstrate a commitment to health equity.
- The organization has a minimum of three (3) years of experience contracting with a government entity.

How to Apply: Interested eligible organizations should submit a completed Checklist and Application Cover Sheet (available under the “Documents” tab) and no more than a four (4) page document describing the organization’s background, capacity and experience that demonstrates its ability to conduct the activities as described above. Please include the organization’s mission and values statement. These documents must be submitted via email to gme@health.ny.gov no later than 4:00 pm on 12/22/23.

Funding for this project is contingent on the availability of state funds and Available funding to support this initiative will be limited to the amount(s) appropriate in the enacted State Fiscal Year budgets for this purpose.
This advertisement is not a guarantee or promise of funding.

The Department reserves the right to withdraw this solicitation and/or issue a competitive procurement for this project if the number of interested and eligible parties exceed that which can be reasonably accommodated by available funds.

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