



**United States
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Agriculture**

Food and
Nutrition
Service

Northeast Region

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Courtney Hawkins, Director
RI Department of Human Services
Louis Pasteur Building
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Dear Director Hawkins:

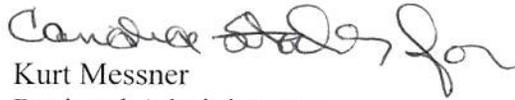
The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has completed its review of Amendment #3 to its technical assistance support contract by and among the State of Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Department of Human Services, Department of Administration, Health Source Rhode Island, and KPMG, LLP. It has also completed its review of Rhode Island's sole source justification. The State's sole source justification and Amendment #3 were originally submitted to FNS on May 2, 2018. Additional revisions to Amendment #3 were received on May 30, 2018 and May 31, 2018, with a response to FNS comments received on May 31, 2018. This amendment will increase the number of available hours for the technical assistance, UAT, post-implementation support and interagency operating model work. The scope of work under Amendment #3 will terminate on June 30, 2018 and will increase the base contract cost by \$15,754,067.00, for a total not to exceed contract value of \$32,043,340.00.

Upon receipt of Rhode Island's Formal Warning Corrective Action Plan, FNS has decided to remove the condition imposed in its December 20, 2017 approval of Amendment #2. This condition had previously required that Rhode Island submit a Request for Proposal for technical assistance support services to FNS by January 31, 2018. We are granting approval of the State's sole source request and Amendment #3.

The State is reminded that ALL contract amendments must be submitted allowing for ample review time compliant with the requirement of up to 60 days for FNS review and approval. Contract amendments that exceed 20% of the base contract cost (cumulative) must be submitted to FNS for review and approval prior to any work starting or costs incurred. We also request that all contract amendments be submitted for our records.

Please contact either Bonnie Brathwaite, Northeast Regional SNAP Director, at 617-565-6397, or Dawn Bartolomeo of the FNS State Systems Office at 415-744-3774 or dawn.bartolomeo@fns.usda.gov with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Messner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping tail.

Kurt Messner
Regional Administrator
Northeast Region

cc: Matt Stark
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Ben Shaffer