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Food and
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Northeast Region

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Courtney Hawkins, Director
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Dear Director Hawkins:

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has completed its review of Rhode Island's (RI) contract amendment #48 (Amendment #48) with Deloitte Consulting LLP in support of the State's Unified Healthcare Infrastructure Project (UHIP) and the RI Bridges system. This amendment was received on July 1, 2020, with responses to comments provided on August 12, 2020 and August 20, 2020. Amendment #48 provides funding for the State's purchase and consumption of an additional 14,237 hours of Application Enhancements Hourly-Based Services. These additional hours will be used to make certain systems modifications to the UHIP System as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The total cost of this amendment is \$1,937,255, increasing the contract's total not-to-exceed value to \$260,378,565. Unlike the prior amendments which requested FNS pay for a share of the costs associated with the assigned work, this amendment charges all costs to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Medicaid, and the State. FNS federal funding cannot be used as a match for federal funds (e.g., CARES Act funding). FNS is granting approval of Amendment #48. Once the contract amendment has been executed, please provide FNS a copy for our records.

The State is reminded that any contract amendment that is equal to or greater than 20% of the base contract cost (cumulative) must be submitted to FNS for review and approval, and we 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@usda.gov with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kurt Messner".

Kurt Messner
Regional Administrator
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