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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 May 15, 2018 RI Bridge's Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Services Request for Proposal (RFP) submission. Revisions to the M&O RFP based on FNS comments were received on June 27, 2018, August 9, 2018, August 31, 2018, October 12, 2018, and October 24, 2018. Responses to FNS questions were received on July 20, 2018 and October 31, 2018. We are granting approval of Rhode Island's M&O RFP.

If changes are made to the approved RFP prior to publication, these changes will need to be submitted to FNS for approval. Once the RFP is published, please notify FNS of the publication date and submit any subsequent amendments that are made to the RFP. In addition, the negotiated contract will need to be submitted to FNS for approval prior to its execution.

We continue to work with the Rhode Island to provide technical assistance as needed. 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,

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