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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 #1 between the State of Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services and KPMG LLP for technical assistance services. This Amendment was originally submitted on September 29, 2017 and revised on October 12 and October 17, 2017 with response to an additional clarification on October 31, 2017. This contract amendment will increase the number of available hours for the Technical Assistance, UAT, and Post-Implementation work. The scope for this effort along with the secondary work stream related to the Interagency Operating Model will be expanded to facilitate the creation of a Target Operating Model and the creation and execution of a Roadmap. The scope of work under Amendment #1 terminates on December 31, 2017 consistent with the base contract performance period, and will increase the base contract cost by \$3,924,702.00, for a total not to exceed contract value of \$12,458,574.00.

We have reviewed Rhode Island's contract amendment and are conditionally approving the amendment with the following condition consistent with CMS's approval email of October 26, 2017:

Condition -

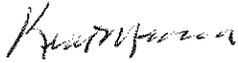
Rhode Island must provide the following information to FNS: (1) specific past and planned utilization of KPMG personnel, and (2) explanation of how the pending \$58.6 million credit from Deloitte "...will cover the State's costs for overtime and additional personnel and contractors who were hired after the Bridges system launched last year" (including SNAP FFP already claimed for those costs).

The condition must be met no later than November 30, 2017, and may be submitted as part of the Fiscal Year Quarters 2-4 Implementation Advanced Planning Document Update submission.

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,



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