

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE  
STATE INNOVATION MODEL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR CCIP TRANSFORMATION Vendor**

**FIFTH Addendum**

**RELEASE DATE – 08-16-2016**

The deadline for submitting a response to this solicitation has been extended. The new deadline for proposal submission is **Noon, August 26, 2016**.

In addendum three, the PMO published the following response to Question 8:

**Question: Page 40 of the RFP states that “The ‘direct salary and institutional base salary’ for contracted staff are limited to the Executive Level II of the Federal Executive Pay scale. FY16 Appropriations law increased the Executive Level II salary to \$185,100.” Are consulting services organizations exempt from the salary cap?**

**Response:** We have received preliminary guidance from CMS that the salaries of professionals who are working for a consulting services organization and providing consulting services, typically based on hourly rates, are exempt from salary level limits. It is important that the respondent meet the definition of a consulting services organization, which should be evident from the organization’s articles of incorporation. However, it may also depend on the structure of the Contract. We are seeking further guidance from CMS. We are receptive to considering a contractual arrangement that would enable such exemptions, but cannot guarantee an exemption at this time.

The following supplemental response is provided based on further guidance from CMS/OAGM:

**Supplemental Response:** The CCIP Transformation Vendor contract can be structured as a consulting services agreement. As such, the aforementioned salary cap would not apply. For bidders interested in submitting a response based on their status as a consulting services organization, they should do the following:

- a) Provide a budget with a rate schedule (hourly rate for each consultant or consultant category) in lieu of salary and fringe.
- b) Provide the projected costs for each time period contained in the tables in Attachments C and D based on estimated hours per consultant for the period in question.
- c) Eliminate the indirect cost line as indirect costs should be included in the hourly rates.