

Iowa Department of Public Health
Office of Health Information Technology
Capacity Building for Health Information Exchange
Request for Proposal # 58814004

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Round 1: Written Questions and Responses for questions submitted through 7/15/2013

Posted: 7/22/2013

No questions were submitted during this time frame.

Round 2: Written Questions and Responses for questions submitted through 7/29/2013

Posted: 8/5/2013

No questions were submitted during this time frame.

Round 3: Written Questions and Responses for questions submitted through 8/16/2013

Posted: 8/19/2013

Q1. Do we have to be currently connected to IHIN, in order to apply for this grant? How formal does our process need to be with them? We plan on connecting with IHIN.

A1. You do not have to be currently connected to IHIN to receive this grant funding. Once you have received your funding, however, you may choose to enter into an IHIN Participation Agreement (contract) for subscription services.

Q2. Obviously the time frame is short to put together a grant application by 8/26, so my first question is, will the deadline be extended?

A2. Yes. The deadline for submission has been extended to September 16, 2013. Please see Amendment 1 for additional information.

Q3. We have 4 different locations, our hospital, and 3 clinics owned by the hospital. Would we be eligible to receive \$25k total, or \$25 per location?

A3. You would only be eligible to receive \$25k total, since your hospital owns the clinics. The entities receiving funding cannot be from the same organization.

Q4. We have a conference call with our vendor (Healthland) tomorrow to discuss their readiness to work on this. We have pointed them to the website, and made sure they have some of the important documents available. Wondering what we can do beyond that to help them get in touch with your folks. Is there a specific point of contact for the EHR vendors?

A4. EHR vendors are encouraged to test their product for IHIN connection at www.ICAetc.com, as a first step. Beyond that, they may contact the Iowa eHealth team's technical contact, Tracy Donner, at tracy.donner@idph.iowa.gov or 515-281-3075.