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Rhode Island Commerce Corporation

ADDENDUM NO. 4
Questions & Answers

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING SERVICES TO
COVID-IMPACTED BUSINESSES

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (“Corporation”) seeks proposals from qualified entities, organizations, and firms to provide technical assistance and training services to assist COVID-Impacted Businesses, including assisting such businesses to complete applications for funding under the Restore RI Small Business Grant program.

Question: I could not find a "form" to fill out so assumed there is not one. Am I missing something?

Answer: You may be referring to the “Certification Form” at the end of the RFP. This must be completed. And the MBE form should be completed if you are a registered MBE with the State of RI and want to be eligible for the additional points.

Question: Can we define an artist as a business?

Answer: The RFP does not contain a specific definition of business, however, it does call for the provider of Technical Services & Training to direct activities to support businesses that can demonstrate they have been negatively impacted by COVID 19 health guidelines such as demonstrating a decrease in revenue. Providing technical assistance to a sole proprietor that has been negatively impacted by COVID 19 would fit within the parameters of the program.

Question: Is there a preferred budget form?

Answer: There is no budget template provided. All budgets should fully describe the direct costs to be incurred to deliver the technical assistance. No indirect costs (expense such as rent, utilities, maintenance) that support multiple projects can be submitted.

***End of Addendum ***