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**Rhode Island Commerce Corporation  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Solicitation Number: **RFP-2336**

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Questions & Answers

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ADVISING FOR UPDATED RHODE ISLAND  
FOOD STRATEGY**

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (“Corporation”) seeks proposals from qualified consulting firms for diversity, equity, and inclusion (“DEI”) consultation. The Corporation and other partners in the State are updating the Rhode Island Food Systems Plan, currently known as Relish Rhody (the “Food Systems Plan”). As part of that update, and State-wide stakeholder engagement activity, the selected proposer will provide subject matter expertise, training, and consultation to embed DEI in the State’s food systems planning and execute an equitable and inclusive process for updating the Food Systems Plan.

**Question 1: Are you able to share what happened with the January process, and if this is an entirely different scope of work?**

**Answer 1:** An RFP with a similar scope of work was published in January. The Corporation is soliciting new bids for diversity, equity, and inclusion consulting for updating the Rhode Island Food Systems Plan.

**Question 2: If you went with a different consultant for the earlier project, are you able to share your feedback about our proposal for that process?**

**Answer 2:** No work was completed for the last RFP.

**Question 3: If it is the same process, can we submit the same proposal for consideration in this RFP? Will you need to reach out to our same references yet again for this proposal?**

**Answer 3:** Proposers should submit a proposal responsive to the RFP. Provided references may be contacted as part of the RFP evaluation process.

\*\*\*End of Addendum \*\*\*