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# Notice of Intent to Release

## **To all interested parties:**

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (the Agency) is providing this notice of intent to release a request for proposal (RFP) on or around August 2026 for procurement of Public Health Lead Entities. The Agency anticipates that Public Health Lead Entities will be responsible for ensuring individuals have access to HHS public health core services by managing and coordinating services within a designated district; serving as a convener to strengthen district public health systems; and connecting the district public health system with broader Agency service systems such as Behavioral Health and Aging and Disability. Eligible bidders for this procurement are local public health agencies designated by local boards of health. More information can be found at [HHS System Alignment | Health & Human Services](#)

The RFP for Public Health Lead Entities, RFP # PTHOPD27001, that the Agency anticipates releasing on or around August 2026 will be posted to [IowaGrants](#). The following is a tentative timeline for the RFP; these dates are estimates and are subject to change:

**August - September 2026:** Question and answer period after release of the RFP

**October 2026:** Deadline for bid proposals.

**December 2026:** HHS to award contract(s)

**January 2027:** Contract begins

Local public health agencies should have received direct communication regarding town halls. If an agency has not received communication, please email

[SystemAlignment@hhs.iowa.gov](mailto:SystemAlignment@hhs.iowa.gov)

This Notice of Intent is issued solely for informational purposes and does not constitute a solicitation or a commitment to issue an RFP. The Agency reserves the right to modify, delay, or cancel any planned solicitation at its sole discretion. The Agency is under no obligation to proceed with any procurement process or to award a contract as a result of this notice. No reimbursement will be made for any costs incurred in preparing responses or attending related meetings. All information provided in this notice is subject to change without prior notice. Final requirements, timelines, and evaluation criteria will be detailed in the RFP, if issued.

Sincerely,

Julie Jones  
Issuing Officer