
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 June 2026 for develop a rural residency program within the State of Iowa. This initiative is intended to strengthen healthcare workforce capacity in rural communities by supporting the planning, design, and initial implementation of an ACGME accredited residency program in Internal Medicine or Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The RFP for Iowa Rural Residency Program, RFP # PHTHORC27001, that the Agency anticipates releasing on or around June 2026, will be posted to IowaGrants. The following is a tentative timeline for the RFP; these dates are estimates and are subject to change:

July 2026: Question and answer period after release of the RFP

July 2026: Deadline for bid proposals.

August 2026: HHS to award contract(s)

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 because 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,

Mike Drottz

Issuing Officer