

**RFP: Technical Assistance to Enhance Forecasting and Analytics Capabilities for Local Health
Departments (LHDs)
Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1. Is this RFP for disease outbreak only or could it be used for injury prevention forecasting, for example for drug poisoning/overdose?**
 - a. This RFP is for Airborne Disease Forecasting only.

- 2. How many awards will NACCHO make from this RFP?**
 - a. One Entity will be selected to provide technical support to our first cohort of LHDs which were selected in the previous RFA. However, entities can subcontract with other entities to ensure all deliverables can be met.

- 3. Where can we find the 15 LHD recipients?**
 - a. NACCHO is currently in the contracting process with the 15 sites and cannot disclose recipient names until all contracts have been finalized.

- 4. In what capacity is NACCHO involved with the CDC Forecasting and Modeling Grant?**
 - a. NACCHO is not an awardee of the recently announced \$262M in funding to create the National Network for Outbreak Response and Disease Modeling.

- 5. The RFP refers the ideal consulting capable of “creating, adapting, and enhancing tools/products.” Is NACCHO seeking someone with the expertise in creating these tools (Engineering Experience) or someone with applied epidemiology experience capable of maximizing the forecasting tools already in use?**
 - a. We are looking for an SME who can provide technical assistance in maximizing existing forecasting tools. If any entity has a tool they can bring to this group for technical assistance, then it is allowed as well. However, our intent is not to promote any product or build any new tool.

- 6. How does NACCHO envision the consultant identifying the critical strengths and weaknesses of each LDH they interact with? What limitations would be placed on the investigation?**
 - a. NACCHO will work with the consultant to identify strategies based on the previous needs.

- 7. The RFP is open-ended to submit as a single consultant or as a team. To ensure adequate staffing for this project, can NACCHO outline how our team members would regularly interact with NACCHO staff and the LHDs?**
 - a. At a minimum, we are expecting biweekly calls with the consultant for project planning. Local Health Department interactions/ TA sessions will be limited to once a month. We are open to discussing the number of hours needed for monthly TA sessions with the consultant.

- 8. Are universities excluded from applying?**
 - a. The RFP is open to everyone with subject matter expertise in this area, including academic institutions, non-profit, and for-profit organizations.