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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS REGARDING CHESLA RFP FOR AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

1. Can CHESLA provide additional details on the economic impact analysis it expects? Similarly, please expand on the workforce/labor market analysis.

CHESLA is seeking an analysis of students who completed their post-secondary degrees at a Connecticut college or university in the 5-year period ending 6-30-21 and who received a CHESLA loans or a CHESLA scholarship. The goal is to draw conclusions regarding how many of those students are employed by CT employers and, if possible, to estimate how many of them were in in-demand fields of IT, healthcare, or manufacturing.

- 2. Can you describe the data (for example, on your loans and scholarships) you anticipate making available for the study? We will make available the number of CHESLA loans and scholarships and their aggregate dollar amount by school and fiscal year.
- 3. What is the anticipated time frame for the completion of the study? We expect to award the engagement on or about April 1, with a tentative completion date of June 30.
- 4. What start date should we assume for the project? April 1
- 5. We assume that the study's main deliverable is a report. Can you confirm? Yes, a report that explains methodology and conclusions.
- 6. Do you anticipate a branded report? Yes, if possible
- 7. Can you please discuss how the parties to the RFP, including CHESLA, plan to use the study results?

We will use the study results to explain to key stakeholders the impact of CHESLA on the state's workforce.

- 8. We assume that our proposal can include resumes of key personnel and that the resumes do not count toward the 15-page limit. Can you please confirm? Yes, resumes can be excluded from the page count.
- 9. Is there a minimum font size that is acceptable for the text and tables and graphics? A minimum font size of 10.
- 10. How will CHESLA evaluate proposals, and what is the relative importance of those factors?

Proposals will be evaluated based on experience of the respondent and personnel assigned, reasonableness of the approach, cost, and other responses to the RFP, in CHESLA's sole discretion.

11. Has CHESLA developed a budget or level of effort estimate for this project? If so, will you share this estimate?

CHESLA has budgeted \$17,000 for this engagement.