

**Request for Information: Economic Impact Analysis of Indiana Graduate
Medical Education Expansion**

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INTRODUCTION

The Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board (“The Board”) seeks a qualified vendor to conduct an economic impact analysis of the expansion of State of Indiana Graduate Medical Education (GME) Fund-supported residency positions throughout Indiana. This Request for Information (RFI) seeks feedback from qualified vendors on the estimated cost to conduct this analysis.

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the Indiana General Assembly (IGA) passed House Enrolled Act 1323, Pub. L. 190-2015, adding Ind. Code Chpt. 21-44-7¹ to the Indiana Code, establishing the Graduate Medical Education Board and Fund.

The Graduate Medical Residency Education Fund is available to support the creation and maintenance of new residency positions at existing and new GME programs. A ten-member Graduate Medical Education Board was created to develop a plan to utilize this funding for the most effective expansion of graduate medical education in Indiana. The Board has developed a Graduate Medical Education Expansion Plan and has awarded grants to entities to support the development and expansion of Graduate Medical Education residency programs, and to entities who are considering development of Graduate Medical Education residency programs.

The Board began meeting in 2016 and contracted with a vendor to develop a report on the state of GME in Indiana for the IGA², and to create a GME Expansion Plan. This plan took an initial \$6 million allocated by the IGA and created three funding buckets: New Residency Program Feasibility Study Grant³, New Residency Program Development Grant⁴, and Development and Expansion Grant⁵. RFPs for each funding bucket were issued and eligibility and terms of use for each grant are contained in each RFP⁶. Continued support by the IGA in subsequent legislative sessions has resulted in almost \$30 million in GME expansion funding being allocated. The IGA’s investment has led to over 100 new physicians currently training or having trained in Indiana and the creation of over 330 residency slots. Additional slots will be created and funded in the upcoming years, increasing the number of slots available and physicians training.

ANALYSIS REQUEST

The selected respondent will provide an analysis on the economic impact that expanded residency positions have had in the Indiana cities and metropolitan areas where GME residency expansion has occurred. The analysis should focus on the impact of residency expansion that includes, but is not limited to:

¹ iga.in.gov/static-documents/0/8/1/d/081d1771/HB1323.04.ENRH.pdf

² www.in.gov/che/files/TrippUmbach_IndianaGME-Report_FINAL.pdf

³ www.in.gov/che/files/New-Residency-Program-Feasibility-Study-Grant_5th-FINAL-v2.pdf

⁴ www.in.gov/che/requests-for-proposal/New-Residency-Program-Development-Grant_5th-FINAL-v2.pdf

⁵ www.in.gov/che/files/Expansion-Grant_5th-FINAL-v2.pdf

⁶ www.in.gov/che/requests-for-proposal/

- Direct and indirect job creation and support
- Number of physicians remaining in Indiana and the metropolitan area where they completed residency
- Tax revenue generated and paid to the state, county, and local municipality
- Additional hours of patient care provided
- Additional revenue generated for the location(s) where training took place
- Projected future growth of current and planned expanded positions

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN RESPONSE TO THE RFI

All responses to this RFI must include the following:

- Cover letter/letter of interest containing information including, but not limited to:
 - Summary of experience conducting comparable analysis
 - Estimated total cost to conduct the requested analysis
 - Estimated analysis budget
 - Point(s) of contact

All responses must be submitted by 5pm Eastern on **Friday, April 8, 2022**. Responses must be submitted by email to GMEB@che.in.gov.

Following the submission deadline, if it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFI, or, if prior to the due date, additional information is necessary for a clearer interpretation of provisions of this RFI, an addendum will be posted at www.in.gov/che/boards-and-committees/graduate-medical-education-board. The Commission may extend the deadline to accommodate additional information requests.

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION POINT OF CONTACT

CHE's point of contact is Eugene Johnson, Assistant Commissioner. He can be reached by phone at (317) 232-2368 or by email at GMEB@che.in.gov.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIANA GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION BOARD

More information about the Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board can be reviewed at www.in.gov/che/boards-and-committees/graduate-medical-education-board.

