

State of Connecticut  
Office of Policy and Management  
Protection and Advocacy System for Persons with Disabilities  
Request For Information (RFI)  
Addendum for  
Questions and Answers

On September 1, 2016, OPM released a Request for Information (RFI) for Connecticut's Protection and Advocacy System for Persons with Disabilities. On September 29, 2016, OPM released answers to the written questions that were submitted. This addendum provides new answers to two of the questions as noted below.

5. **The Federal government requires that all applicants for Federal grants and cooperative agreements with the exception of individuals other than sole proprietors have a DUNS number. Does this RFI require a DUNS number? If this RFI does require a DUNS number, when collaborating with another non-profit, do both entities require having separate DUNS numbers when applying?**

A DUNS number is not required for this RFI, however, the successor designee will be required to register for a federal DUNS number prior to being eligible for federal grant funding. Please note that only one entity can be designated as the protection and advocacy system. A collaboration or partnership would not be allowed but two entities could create a new entity for purposes of being designated as the protection and advocacy system. While a contractor/subcontractor arrangement is allowable, the DD Act describes a single entity that receives the designation.

10. **If two or more organizations respond to the Request for Information as a partnership or collaboration, are attachments such as personnel policies, audits, references, etc., required of each partner?**

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