

**Center for Excellence in Tobacco Policy
RFP 0709140400**

Questions and Answers

1. Q. The RFP calls for Technical Assistance to the NY tobacco control community (1st bullet of technical Assistance section on page 11 of the RFP). Does the TCP envision this assistance to be primarily driven through one-on-one hands on work with the NY tobacco control community or primarily driven through means such as workshops, conference calls, and other communication channels that can reach a large number of partners although they may provide less intensive technical assistance?

A. The technical assistance provided will depend on the activities proposed by the winning bidder and the needs of the TCP.

2. Q. Is it required to have project staff that is licensed to practice law in NYS?

A. No. The Center of Excellence in Tobacco Policy will not provide legal advice or representation to the Department of Health, the NYS Tobacco Control Program, Tobacco Control Program funded contractors or the New York tobacco control community.

3. Q. The RFP calls for research and dissemination of information to the NY tobacco control community (2nd bullet of Technical Assistance section on page 11 of the RFP). Is it expected that additional primary data collection (i.e., a new study not currently funded by the NYTCP) will be required as part of this policy research funded through this RFP/

A. No. Primary data collection is not anticipated as a deliverable of the Center of Excellence in Tobacco Policy.

4. Q. Related to query #3 above, to what extent is the Center of Excellence in Tobacco Policy to be integrated with the Independent Evaluation team led by RTI? For example, as part of the current Independent Evaluation efforts led by RTI, there are policy relevant studies and reports that are being conducted and some data sources such as the NY ATS, which is funded through the Independent Evaluation, could be modified to accommodate future policy relevant research that could fall under the domain of the Center of Excellence in Policy Research as well as the Independent Evaluation team. Can the TCP program provide more specifics on the type of research it anticipates supporting under this RFP and how it may integrate with other research the TCP supports?

A. The Center of Excellence in Tobacco Policy will not be integrated with the independent evaluation or other research that the Tobacco Control Program supports although data and findings from the evaluation and research efforts will likely be used by the Center of Excellence in Tobacco Policy. The research to be conducted by the Center of Excellence in Tobacco Policy will be limited to legal, academic and public policy research as outlined in the RFP, and not research or evaluation assessing the public health impacts of New York's policy intervention.

5. Q. To what extent are existing funding relationships between the NY TCP and organizations applying for this RFP considered in reviewing the submitted proposals?

A. This Request for Proposals is a competitive procurement. The proposal will be evaluated against predetermined standards based on industry norms, current practice, and efficiency and soundness of approach and the requirements delineated on pages 9-12 of the RFP.