



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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Public Housing Notice 2015-15

To: Local Housing Authority (LHA) Executive Directors
From: Steven Carvalho, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing & Rental Assistance
Date: June 2, 2015
Re: Request for Responses for Regional Capital Assistance Team (RCAT) Program

I am pleased to announce the release of the RCAT Request for Responses (RFR). The issuance of this RFR is in accordance with Chapter 235 of the Acts of 2014 which mandated a series of new performance management and capacity building actions to improve the management of state public housing in Massachusetts. In accordance with Section 26C of this legislation, DHCD is issuing this RFR to solicit responses from LHAs to host and administer the RCAT program.

The RCAT program is an innovative initiative that will tap the experience and skills of larger housing authorities to bolster the work of smaller LHAs throughout Massachusetts. This is an exciting new approach to improving services, and LHAs selected to administer the program will have an opportunity to help shape it. DHCD will be committing up to \$2.5M per year of bond cap to this initiative. The program is scheduled to be fully staffed and operational by July 2016.

Please review the attached RFR and corresponding attachments. Note the following key deadlines for response:

- Written questions are due by Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 4pm.
- Bidders conference is on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 1:30 pm.
- Letters of Interest are due by Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 4pm.
- Responses are due Friday, July 31, 2015 at 4pm.

This RFR is also posted on the Commbuys website under the following title: **DHCD2015-5S Regional Capital Assistance Team Program**. For directions on how to search the Commbuys site, click on the following link:

<http://www.mass.gov/anf/docs/osd/commbuys/how-to-search-in-commbuys.pdf>

Please follow all submission/correspondence instructions as described in the RFR. If you have questions, you may submit them *in writing* to Amy.Stitely@state.ma.us.