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Michael Crow  
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Dear Mr. Crow:

On behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), I want to express our support for Deloitte Consulting in their bid to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's procurement, "OPHPR Public Health Management Support," Solicitation Number RFQ-2018-67655.

ASTHO is committed to improving the health of our nation by serving as a leader, partner, catalyst and voice for state health departments. These agencies serve on the frontlines of public health, requiring them to have the capacity to address the diverse needs of the people who live, work and play in their states. In order to do this effectively, ASTHO requires a ready source of programmatic and financial technical expertise, response operations and communications that are tailored to meet the unique needs of states, along with an organization that understands the broad array of stakeholders that have to work together to mount a timely and effective response to public health emergencies.

Deloitte Consulting is a diverse organization that possesses a comprehensive understanding of the programmatic and fiscal challenges facing public health agencies as they continue to build and sustain emergency response capacities and capabilities. They complement this firsthand knowledge and experience they have gained over the last two decades with a vast portfolio of partnerships and relationships across every sector and industry that contributes to and impacts the health of our nation. We believe that by selecting Deloitte Consulting, CDC can maximize their impact on the health of people across the nation through the provision of services in times of emergencies in the near term and well into the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,



Michael Fraser, PhD, MSMSL, CAE, FCPP  
Executive Director

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