

Center for Regional Food Systems

Request for Proposals for Food Systems Racial Equity Metrics Scan

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Center for Regional Food Systems:

The Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems (CRFS) unites the knowledge of diverse stakeholders with that of MSU faculty and staff to advance regionally-rooted food systems through applied research, education, and outreach. Our work fosters a thriving economy, equity, and sustainability for Michigan, the nation, and the planet by advancing systems that produce food that is healthy, green, fair, and affordable. Our national and Michigan programmatic food systems areas include farm to early care education, farm to institution, healthy food access, healthy food financing, local and state food policy, food hubs, good food value chains and the Michigan Good Food Charter. The Michigan Good Food Charter (Charter) sets forth a vision of a food system that prioritizes food produced and processed in Michigan and embodies the values of healthy, green, fair and affordable across the supply chain. Many groups across the state have come together to support this vision. Learn more about CRFS and the Charter at <http://foodsystems.msu.edu/>.

Project Description:

We are seeking a firm, consultant or organization to conduct a scan of potential food system racial equity metrics. This project should produce a report identifying metrics related to racial equity in the food system that are either in use by organizations currently or have been recommended for use in a report or other publication. By documenting the current landscape in this area, this report will provide a foundation for the Michigan Good Food Charter Shared Measurement Advisory Committee¹ to consider and select a set of metrics that can be used at state (Michigan) and county levels to track progress towards an equitable food system.

For each potential metric, the report should include the following:

- metric name
- metric description
- whether primary or secondary data
- if secondary, data source
- if primary, methodology and source of data collection tool
- organization(s) using or recommending

This project must be completed by December 31, 2018.

Application Procedure:

To apply for this contract, please send a proposal to Kathryn Colasanti **by 5pm Eastern Time on Monday, August 13, 2018**. Your proposal should include the following sections and be maximum of 3 pages (exclusive of the appendix).

A. Capacity and Experience

- Describe the individual or team that will be working on this project and experience with similar projects.

B. Project Approach and Timeline

- Please describe a description of how you would execute this project.

¹ For more information about the Michigan Good Food Charter Shared Measurement Project, please see http://www.canr.msu.edu/michigan_good_food_charter_shared_measurement_project



- Include initial suggestions for websites, recent reports, or databases you would consult.
 - Discuss thoughts on defining various parameters of "food systems racial equity."
 - Provide a timeline of project milestones.
- C. Budget and Budget Justification
- *Note: We do not have a pre-determined budget for this project, so please develop a budget based on what you think is appropriate.*
 - Include a narrative description of the budget.
 - Note that institutional overhead is not permitted with the WK Kellogg Foundation funds supporting this work.
- D. Appendix
- Brief resume(s) of project work team members (maximum of 2 pages per resume)
 - Sample of relevant work product

Please refer questions and submit your proposal to:

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