

TO: Interested Parties

DATE: June 6, 2025

FROM: Dan Kessler Assistant Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Request for Information – Food Desert Analysis

The North Central Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is seeking private companies, consultants, or firms to share information on data related to solving food deserts in the region. NCTCOG plans to use this information to better understand the general model of grocery stores in food deserts and how communities utilize these services. Additionally, NCTCOG will assess the need for innovative grocery store options in food desert regions. It is the intent of this Request for Information to develop a pilot program to evaluate a novel approach to eliminate food deserts within the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

This is an invitation to respond to the Request for Information (RFI). Responses must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Central Time, on **Friday, July 11, 2025**, to Michael Morris, Director of Transportation. Responses submitted after that time may not be considered and may be returned to the proposer unopened. The Request for Information will be available at <u>www.nctcog.org/rfp</u> by the close of business on **Friday, June 6, 2025**.

Any amendments or updates to the RFI, as well as all questions and responses, will be posted on NCTCOG's website. Written questions concerning the RFI should be submitted by email to <u>TransRFPs@nctcog.org</u> by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

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