

Draft Questions and Answers Related to the SOI:

- 1. Q. *The SOI requires letters of support from the organizations and/or leaders that will be part of the cross-sector partnership. A letter of support from your city's chief elected official is required; additional letters expressing support for the cross-sector partnership for the purposes of this initiative will be very helpful. Can you clarify from whom the letters of support are required?***

A. Letters of support are requested to assure that those individuals in leadership positions are aware of and willing to provide the necessary support to neighborhoods and communities to affect change. For purposes of the SOI, responses to these letters are optional.

- 2. Q. *Can an organization or agency submit more than one letter of support to entities submitting a response to the SOI?***

A. Yes.

- 3. Q. *Does the SOI expect responses from entities that serve an individual neighborhood or from organizations that represent multiple providers that work in multiple sites and neighborhoods?***

A. Regardless of the organizational structure, the SOI seeks information from entities with credibility in specific neighborhoods and the capacity to bring together relevant parties to effect change.

- 4. Q. *If an organization does not submit a response to the SOI are there other ways to provide input and comments?***

A. Yes. We are open to comments and suggestions.

- 5. Q. *If an organization chooses not to respond to the SOI will they be precluded from applying for any subsequent solicitation?***

A. Organizations will not be precluded from applying. However, responses will provide an opportunity for organizations to provide essential input that will assist New York State in finalizing the initiative.