May 6, 2020

Answer to Questions for Request for Proposals:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT SERVICES (RFP# 00-505-2000-50013)

1. What is the desired timing of the Department for performance of interim/internal control work and substantive work? Is the Department open to starting work in June (assuming all administrative contractual requirements are in place?)

Answer: the Department is open to starting work in June or July after the contract has been signed.

2. Has there been a significant fluctuation in federal funding, potentially related to COVID-19 funding?

Answer: there has been no major change in FY20 for regular operational funding received from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Park Service (NPS), or the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

DCA anticipates acting as a flow-through for some Federal Cares Act funding starting in June. This includes $189 thousand in IMLS funding and $434 thousand in NEA funding. Individual DCA museums and programs will likely be submitting application to the National Endowment for the Humanities but we have no estimate of any potential funding for this source.

3. Has there been any changes to Department personnel, specifically those involved in the external audit process?

There have been no staff changes among the key participants within DCA.