Notice of Funding Opportunity for Rural SHINE-HT Program

Rural Health Transformation Program Activity 2.5

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Massachusetts Technology Collaborative ("MassTech"), on behalf of Massachusetts eHealth Institute ("MeHI"), is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity ("NOFO") to support the Rural Stronger & Healthier Communities through Integration of Emerging Health Tech ("Rural SHINE-HT") Program. Through this NOFO, MassTech seeks applications from eligible Rural Health Facilities ("RHFs") in Massachusetts ("Applicants") to support the adoption and implementation of innovative health technology solutions designed to improve care delivery, strengthen workforce capacity, reduce administrative burden, and improve access to care in rural communities across the Commonwealth.

MassTech will act as the contracting entity on behalf of MeHI and (except where the specific context warrants otherwise) MeHI and MassTech are collectively referred to as MassTech, and any singular reference to MassTech or MeHI shall mean and apply to both entities interchangeably throughout this NOFO. MassTech will enter into an **RHTP SHINE-HT Subrecipient Grant Agreement** (the "Agreement") with selected Applicants. This Agreement is the form of contract MassTech expects to use for awards under this NOFO, and its terms include federal requirements that are mandatory conditions of award. Selected Applicants who execute this Agreement with MassTech will receive federal pass-through funding and will be considered federal subrecipients as defined in 2 CFR § 200.1. NOFO Attachment D, the Code of Federal Regulations and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services RHTP Flow-Down Requirements for Subrecipients, sets out additional federal requirements that apply to funded organizations and must be passed on to any lower tier subrecipients. Attachment D is incorporated into the Agreement. Applicants should review all NOFO attachments as well as the posted Agreement template before applying. Submitting an application confirms that the Applicant is able and willing to comply with required terms and has reviewed all documents. Please note that these documents may be updated to comply with changes in MassTech, EOHHS or federal requirements.

This NOFO is funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") as part of a financial assistance award totaling $162,005,238.13 with 100 percent funded by CMS/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

1.2 MassTech and MeHI

MassTech is an independent public instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts chartered by the Commonwealth to serve as a catalyst for growing its innovation economy. MassTech brings together leaders from industry, academia, and government to advance technology-focused solutions that lead to economic growth, job creation, and public benefits in Massachusetts. For additional information about MassTech and its programs and initiatives, please visit our website at www.masstech.org.

In 2008, MeHI became the state agency charged with promoting Health IT innovation, technology and competitiveness to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of health care. Our mission is to engage the healthcare community and catalyze the development, adoption and effective use of Health IT. In 2017, MeHI's mandate was expanded when MassTech was designated as the lead public agency to partner with industry and healthcare leaders on digital health cluster development activities designed to promote and support the sector. For more information about MeHI please visit the web site at http://mehi.masstech.org.

2. The Grant

2.1 Grant Overview

In 2025, the Rural Health Transformation Program ("RHTP") was authorized pursuant to Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21 (One Big Beautiful Bill Act). This federal initiative provides funding to states to support rural communities in improving health care access, quality, and outcomes by transforming the health care delivery ecosystem. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid released a notice of funding opportunity for all states for a total of $50 billion over five budget periods to support the goals of RHTP. The NOFO directed states to propose uses of the funding to meet RHTP's strategic goals, including fostering the use of innovative technologies to help transform the way care is delivered in rural communities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts included a proposal for a Rural SHINE-HT Program, which supports federally qualified health centers ("FQHCs") and other rural health facilities (RHFs) in identifying, implementing, and evaluating innovative health technology solutions designed to reduce administrative burden and improve care delivery for underserved populations. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services ("EOHHS") has contracted with MeHI to administer the program.

The Rural SHINE-HT Program is part of the broader SHINE-HT Program launched by MeHI in 2025. This program was launched to assess the technology needs of FQHCs and to identify and test solutions that address those needs. MeHI conducted listening sessions across the state in partnership with the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, the Health Policy Commission ("HPC"), and EOHHS. The listening sessions were held in September and October 2025, and included administrative and clinical staff, senior leadership, and patient representatives from FQHCs across the state. The listening sessions provided an opportunity for participants to identify pain points, challenges, and barriers to adopting health technology, as well as to discuss opportunities and considerations that could reduce administrative burdens and improve patient access. The information gathered was used to guide the development of use cases aimed at testing health technology solutions to address specific FQHC pain points in workflows. MeHI selected the first two FQHC pilot sites for the SHINE-HT Program in April 2026.

The Rural SHINE-HT Program builds on this work and will support pilot implementations of selected health technology solutions at eligible RHFs. Pilot participants will work collaboratively with MeHI, Implementation Partners, and technology vendors to design, implement, and evaluate selected technology solutions focused on addressing the operational and clinical use cases identified through the listening sessions. Implementation Partners are organizations with experience in designing and leading implementations of health technologies for community-based health care organizations and were pre-qualified by MeHI through an open procurement process. Selected RHFs will pick an Implementation Partner to design their approved pilot implementation project. The pilot design will include staff training and, as needed, workflow redesign, and a cultural change management model to support the successful rollout and utilization of the new technology.

MeHI will provide funding to support the pilot implementation to the selected RHFs and the selected Implementation Partners. MeHI will award up to $250,000 to each selected RHF to cover staff and technology costs. MeHI will separately award up to $182,000 to the selected Implementation Partner for each project to cover their staff costs. See Attachment B for eligible funding uses and budget details. During the pilot period, selected RHFs and their selected Implementation Partners will be required to

comply with quarterly and annual reports to support the completion of state reports for CMS under the RHT program. Reporting templates and submission deadlines will be provided by MeHI.

Use Cases

Applicants must select one of the use cases identified on the Rural SHINE-HT program webpage: https://mehi.masstech.org/SHINE-HT

The use cases will be kept up to date on this program page.

Following completion of the pilot phase, MeHI anticipates launching the Rural SHINE-HT Incentive Grant Program to support broader implementation and scaling of successful technologies and implementation models across additional RHFs throughout Massachusetts. Eligible RHFs will be able to access funding and technical assistance to support implementation of the technologies and workflows validated during the pilot phase.

2.2 Evaluation Process and Criteria

MeHI will review all eligible applications and bring a select group for further review with external evaluators. The external evaluators will make funding recommendations to MeHI based on their review. For the first program year, eligible applicants are any rural-located or rural-serving federally qualified health centers as defined by EOHHS.

The first program year runs from October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027. Additional RHFs will become eligible for the program in subsequent program years.

The following evaluation criteria will be used to review applicants:

- Alignment of proposed use case with applicant's organizational needs and priorities
- Percent of applicant's patient population located in designated rural towns
- Potential for the technology implementation to support long-term transformation of rural care delivery
- Commitment and plan to scale and sustain the technology implementation after the pilot period if the pilot is successful
- Availability and qualifications of lead team members
- Applicant's prior experience implementing new health technologies
- Potential impact of the technology implementation on improving access, quality, efficiency, and workforce sustainability for rural populations in Massachusetts

MassTech reserves the right to consider such other relevant factors as it deems appropriate. MassTech may or may not seek additional information from applicants prior to making a selection. Lack of debarment status by both the state and federal government is required.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

3.1 Application and Submission Instructions

Applicants are cautioned to read this NOFO carefully and to conform to its requirements. Failure to comply with the requirements of this NOFO may serve as grounds for rejection of an application.

All Applications must be submitted electronically to MeHI Program Coordinator Emma Powers at powers@masstech.org and to the MassTech proposals email at proposals@masstech.org.

Please include the NOFO number in the subject line. All applications must include the items listed below:

- Application cover sheet (Attachment A)
- Application, which shall be no more than 3 pages and shall include:
    - Description of applicant's organization including the number of full-time employees, number of patients served annually, and breakdown of patients' demographics including: race, ethnicity, primary languages, insurance status, and the percent of patients served whose income is under the federal poverty guidelines.
    - Description of the rural populations served by applicant's organization including the number and location of any facilities in rural-designated towns and the number and proportion of applicant's patients served annually who reside in rural-designated towns.
    - What electronic health record ("EHR") applicant organization currently uses, whether the applicant is expecting to switch EHR vendors in the next 3 years, and the anticipated timeline for any change.
    - Use case the applicant would like to implement as defined on the Rural SHINE-HT program webpage. Applicant should describe why they selected this use case and how it addresses the applicant organization's needs and priorities as well as how it can support the long-term transformation of rural care delivery across the Commonwealth.
    - Description of how the applicant will sustain the technology after the pilot implementation. Applicant should describe if and how they will scale the technology across the applicant's organization if the pilot is successful, or how the applicant will end the pilot or transition to a new technology vendor if the plot is unsuccessful.
    - Names, roles, and brief bios for the main team members who will support the pilot implementation. Please indicate the role each team member will play in the pilot implementation and identify who will serve as the project lead.
    - Description of how the main team members will get buy-in for the technology implementation and related change management from impacted staff, including who from the applicant organization's leadership team will serve as the primary champion for the implementation.
    - Description of applicant's previous experiences implementing new health care technologies. Please briefly describe any challenges faced during the implementation, how you addressed these challenges, and what lessons were learned during the process.
- Completed Budget Template (Attachment B)
- Signed Authorized Applicant's Signature and Acceptance Form (Attachment C)
- Copy of Applicant's W-9

Any responses, applications, data, materials, information and documentation submitted to MassTech in response to this NOFO shall become MassTech's property and be subject to public disclosure. As a public entity, the MassTech is subject to the Massachusetts Public Records Law (set forth at Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 66). There are very limited and narrow exceptions to disclosure under the Public Records Law. If an Applicant wishes to have the MassTech treat certain information or documentation as confidential, MassTech the Applicant shall clearly label only the information and/or documentation they

believe is confidential or proprietary as "**CONFIDENTIAL**" in the application. MassTech's receipt of such documents does not represent a finding by MassTech's or the Supervisor of Public Records that such documents are exempt from public disclosure, and they may be disclosed if an applicable exemption does not apply.

Applicants please note: By executing the **Authorized Applicant's Signature and Acceptance Form** and submitting an application in response to this NOFO, the applicant certifies that it (1) acknowledges and understands the policies and procedures for handling materials submitted to MassTech, as described in this NOFO, (2) agrees to be bound by those policies and procedures, (3) acknowledges that the statutory exemptions from the Massachusetts Public Records Law are very limited, and (4) agrees that MassTech shall not be liable under any circumstances for any disclosure of materials submitted to in connection with this NOFO that is required by law.

4.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

4.1 General Information

a. If an application fails to meet any material terms, conditions, requirements, or procedures, it may be deemed unresponsive and disqualified. MassTech reserves the right to waive omissions or irregularities that it determines to be non-material.
b. This NOFO, as may be amended from time to time by MassTech, does not commit MassTech to select any firm(s), pay any costs incurred in preparing an application or in connection with the award of any contracts. MassTech reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to make no awards through this NOFO, to withdraw the NOFO, to engage in preliminary discussions with prospective applicants, to accept or reject any or all applications received, to request supplemental or clarifying information, to negotiate with any or all qualified applicants, and to request modifications to applications in accordance with negotiations, all to the same extent as if this were a Request for Information.
c. Unless otherwise specified in this NOFO, all communications, responses, and documentation must be in English, and all cost applications or figures in U.S. currency. All applications must be submitted in accordance with the specific terms of this NOFO.
d. On matters related to this NOFO that arise prior to an award decision by MassTech, applicants shall limit communications with the MassTech to the NOFO Team Leader and such other individuals as the MassTech may designate from time to time. No other MassTech employee or representative is authorized to provide any information or respond to any questions or inquiries concerning this NOFO. Applicants may contact the NOFO Team Leader for this NOFO if it is incomplete.
e. MassTech may provide reasonable accommodations, including the provision of materials in an alternative format, for applicants with disabilities or other hardships. Applicants requiring accommodation shall submit requests in writing, with supporting documentation justifying the accommodation, to the NOFO Team Leader. MassTech reserves the right to grant or reject any request for accommodation.
f. Applicant's submissions shall be treated by MassTech as an accurate statement of applicant's capabilities and experience. Should any statement asserted by applicant prove to be inaccurate or inconsistent with the foregoing, such inaccuracy or inconsistency shall constitute sufficient cause for MassTech in its sole discretion to reject the application and/or terminate of any resulting agreement.

4.2 Posting of Modifications/Addenda to NOFO

This NOFO has been distributed electronically using MassTech, MeHI, and COMMBUYS websites. If MassTech determines that it is necessary to revise any part of this NOFO, or if additional data is necessary to clarify any of its provisions, an addendum will be posted to the websites. Each potential applicant is responsible for checking the MassTech, MeHI, and COMMBUYS websites for any addenda or modifications to the NOFO. MassTech accepts no liability and will provide no accommodation to applicants who submit a response based on an out-of-date NOFO.

Attachment A
Application Cover Sheet

Organization Name			
Lead Contact's Name	**Lead Contact's Email**	**Lead Contact's Phone**	
Organization Address	**City / Town**	**State**	**Zip Code**
Authorized Signatory Name	**Authorized Signatory Email Address**		

Attachment B
Budget Template

Budget Category	**Description of Cost**	**Total Cost**
Staff/Personnel (including indirect costs)	*Name and/or Title*	
	Name and/or Title	
	Name and/or Title	
	Total Staff Costs	
Technology Costs		
Equipment Costs		
Other		
	MassTech Total	
In-Kind Costs	*Will the applicant cover any of the technology costs or provide additional staff time beyond what is included above?*	
	Total Project Costs	

Example Budget

Budget Category	**Description of Cost**	**Total Cost**
Staff/Personnel (including indirect costs)	Jane Smith, Grants Manager – Project Lead	$30,000
	Dr. Jane Doe, Chief Medical Officer	$25,000
	Joe Schmo, Call Center Manager	$25,000
	Administrative Staff	$20,000
	IT Specialists	$25,000
	Total Staff Costs	**$125,000**
Technology Costs	Estimated 4 months of AI call center technology *(or estimated 3 months to*	$60,000

	upgrade AI call center technology to X level)	
	EHR integration costs	$30,000
Equipment Costs	Laptops and tablets	$30,000
Other		
	MassTech Total	**$245,000.00**
In-Kind Costs	CEO – Project Oversight	$10,000
	Total Project Costs	**$255,000**

Attachment C
Authorized Applicant's Signature and Acceptance Form

The undersigned is a duly authorized representative of the Applicant listed below. The Applicant has read and understands the NOFO requirements. The Applicant acknowledges that all of the terms and conditions of the NOFO are mandatory. By executing this Authorized Applicant's Signature and Acceptance Form, Applicant certifies that they (1) are in compliance with the terms, conditions and specifications contained in this NOFO, (2) acknowledges and understands the procedures for handling materials submitted to MassTech as set forth in the NOFO, (3) agrees to be bound by those procedures, and (4) agrees that MassTech shall not be liable under any circumstances for the disclosure of any materials submitted to MassTech pursuant to this NOFO or upon the Applicant's selection.

The Applicant understands that, if selected by MassTech, the Applicant and MassTech will execute an agreement specifying the mutual requirements of participation. The Applicant agrees that the entire bid response will remain valid for sixty (60) days from receipt by MassTech.

Applicant: _____
(Printed Name of Applicant)

I certify that Applicant is in compliance with all corporate filing requirements and State tax laws. I further certify that the statements made in this response to the NOFO, including all attachments and exhibits, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

By: _____
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

Name: _____
(Signatory's Printed Name)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Applicant's UEI No.: _____

Attachment D
Code of Federal Regulations and CMS RHTP Flow-Down Requirements for Subrecipients

PART 1: FEDERAL SUBAWARD IDENTIFICATION DATA

Element	Information
Subrecipient name and UEI	[Subrecipient name and UEI – TBD]
Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	RHTCMS332069
Federal award date	December 29, 2025
Assistance Listing number and title	93.798, Rural Health Transformation Program
Federal awarding agency	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS
Pass-through entities	EOHHS; Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
Awarding Entity	Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (*or, if Subrecipient is completing a new Part 1 for a lower-tier subaward in accordance with Section 1.3(c) below, Subrecipient as the Awarding Entity*)
Total federal award	$162,005,238.13
Total MassTech master obligation	$49,993,125.00
Track 2.4 Program Track Ceiling	$14,120,000.00 (Rural Digital Health Sandbox Program) -Years 1-3 not-to-exceed
Track 2.5 Program Track Ceiling	$12,287,500.00 (Rural SHINE-HT Program) - Years 1-3 not-to-exceed
Track 6.1 Program Track Ceiling	$13,860,000.00 (Rural Health Information Exchange) -Years 1-3 not-to-exceed
Track 6.4 Program Track Ceiling	$9,725,625.00 (Rural Health Cybersecurity) - Years 1-3 not-to-exceed
Applicable RHTP program track for this Subaward	Track 2.5- Rural SHINE-HT Program
Subaward amount	[Completed at award based on active project budget]
Subaward period of performance	[Completed at award]
Awarding Entity contact	[Project Manager identified upon award]

PART 2: STANDARD FEDERAL COMPLIANCE TERMS AND FLOW-DOWN REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicability, Funding Source, and Compliance/Flow-Down Obligations

1.1 Applicability. The compliance requirements outlined in this Attachment D will be incorporated into and made a part of any final Agreement between MassTech (the "Awarding Entity") and selected Applicants (the "Subrecipient(s)," as defined in 2 CFR § 200.1). Upon execution of an Agreement, Subrecipient shall be fully responsible for all compliance covenants outlined in this Attachment.

1.2 Funding Source. This Subaward is funded in whole or in part by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), under the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). These federal pass-through funds are administered by MassTech via the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS).

- **Federal Awarding Agency:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) / HHS
- **Federal Program:** Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
- **Total Master Federal Award:** $162,005,238.13 (100% federally funded)
- **MassTech Maximum Obligation:** $49,993,125.00

1.3 Federal Lobbying Compliance, Flow-Down, and Execution Obligations

(a) Federal Lobbying Compliance. All Applicants shall execute and submit the Certification *Regarding Lobbying.* If awarded, by executing a final Agreement with MassTech Subrecipient certifies the ongoing accuracy of that submission and shall ensure this certification language is included in all lower-tier subawards, subgrants, and subcontracts exceeding $100,000.

(b) Post award: Downstream Execution and Reporting. After award and contracting with MassTech, Subrecipients shall flow down and incorporate Part 2 of this Attachment D (excluding instructions) into every lower-tier agreement or subaward funded in whole or in part with these funds. **For each downstream award, Subrecipients shall independently**:

i. Complete a new Part 1 data block detailing that specific lower-tier subrecipient's financial allocations;

ii. Obtain an authorized signature from the lower-tier subrecipient on a *Lower-Tier Subrecipient Acknowledgment* block to legally bind them to these terms;

iii. Require the lower-tier subrecipient to execute a separate copy of the *Certification Regarding Lobbying* prior to disbursing any funds, if the downstream project budget exceeds $100,000; and

iv. Deliver copies of all executed downstream acknowledgments and certifications to MassTech within thirty (30) days of execution for federal audit review.

2. Compliance

2.1 Federal award terms. Subrecipient shall comply with all applicable federal award terms and conditions, including applicable RHTP requirements, as they apply to the Subaward. Subrecipient shall ensure that all expenditures and activities funded under the Subaward, including those of its subcontractors and subrecipients, are allowable, reasonable and necessary under the Subaward, the RHTP Notice of Funding Opportunity, the Notice of Award, and all other applicable state and federal requirements.

2.2 Compliance with laws. Subrecipient shall comply with all applicable statutes, orders and regulations of any federal, state, municipal or other governmental authority relating to its property or its operations under the Subaward.

2.3 Debarment and exclusion. Subrecipient represents that no owner, employee, consultant or subcontractor of Subrecipient has been debarred by any federal agency, excluded from participation in a program under Titles XVIII, XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act, or subjected to a civil money penalty under the Social Security Act.

2.4 Lower tier agreements. Subrecipient shall incorporate all applicable federal award terms and conditions, including applicable RHTP requirements, into any subcontract or lower tier subaward funded in whole or in part with Subaward funds. Subrecipient shall ensure that each subcontractor or lower-tier subrecipient it intends to use is permissible under the Subaward and shall identify and report each one to the Awarding Entity before executing an agreement with it. Subrecipient acknowledges that MassTech's agreement with EOHHS may require EOHHS's prior approval of subcontractors and lower-tier subrecipients, and Subrecipient shall not execute an agreement with any such entity until the Awarding Entity confirms approval in writing. Subrecipient shall maintain sufficient oversight of all such subcontractors and lower-tier subrecipients and ensure that each complies with this Attachment D, all other applicable requirements of the Agreement, and all federal and state laws.

2.5 Scope changes. Subrecipient shall not make material changes to the scope of work or activities undertaken under the Subaward without the prior written approval of the Awarding Entity.

2.6 Use of funds. Subrecipient shall use Subaward funds only for the activities and budget approved in the Subaward, consistent with the uses of funds permitted under Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21 and the RHTP Notice of Funding Opportunity (CMS-RHT-26-001). Unless otherwise permitted by CMS and approved in the Subaward, Subrecipient shall not use Subaward funds for:

(a) costs incurred before the start of the Subaward period of performance;

(b) matching or cost-sharing requirements of any other federal award or of any local entity;

(c) services, equipment or supports that another party is legally required to provide under federal, state or tribal law, including civil rights law, such as required workplace modifications or accommodations;

(d) goods or services that are not allocable to the project;

(e) replacing existing state, local, tribal or private funding for infrastructure or services, including staff salaries;

(f) new construction, building expansion, purchase of buildings, major retrofits, cosmetic upgrades, or other costs that substantially increase the value or extend the useful life of an asset, except minor renovations and alterations that are clearly tied to program goals, approved in the Subaward, and approved in advance by CMS;

(g) independent research and development, including its share of indirect costs;

(h) lobbying or any activity intended to influence legislation, appropriations, regulations, administrative actions or executive orders, as prohibited by 2 CFR 200.450 and the HHS Grants Policy Statement;

(i) covered telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services under 2 CFR 200.216, or household subsidies for broadband installation or monthly internet service;

(j) meals, except for study subjects and patients, meals specifically approved as part of the project, or meals within a per diem or subsistence allowance for allowable travel;

(k) clinical services reimbursable by insurance, services that duplicate billable services, or changes to existing fee schedule amounts;

(l) specified sex-trait modification procedures, as defined at 45 CFR 156.400;

(m) clinician salaries or wage support, except as part of an RHTP initiative approved by CMS, and in no case at any facility that imposes non-compete restrictions on its clinicians;

(n) any expenditure related to intergovernmental transfers, certified public expenditures, or other financing of a non-federal share; or

(o) any payment not permitted under Section 2105(c)(1), (7) or (9) of the Social Security Act, including the limitation on payment for abortions and the citizenship documentation requirements for payments for individuals.

3. Reporting

3.1 Project reports. Subrecipient shall submit, at least quarterly, progress reports, as well as interim and final reports, using the templates and deadlines the Awarding Entity provides, and shall ensure that any subcontractors or lower-tier subrecipients complete such reporting on their progress under their subcontracts or subawards. Reports shall include reporting on key performance indicators and shall align with any other reporting requirements from CMS or EOHHS.

3.2 Expenditure reports. Subrecipient shall submit quarterly and annual reports on expenditures and activities in alignment with the reporting requirements from CMS or EOHHS and shall ensure that any subcontractors or lower-tier subrecipients complete such reporting for their expenditures and activities.

3.3 Program metrics. Subrecipient shall provide the data the Awarding Entity needs to report on the program metrics and key performance indicators for the applicable RHTP program.

4. Records, Audit, and Data Security

4.1 Records. Subrecipient shall maintain all books, records and other compilations of data pertaining to the Subaward, to the extent and in such detail as properly substantiate claims for payment, in a cost effective and easily retrievable format for a minimum period of six (6) years from the date the final expenditure report is submitted to the Commonwealth or until all pending federal or state audit findings are fully resolved, whichever occurs later.

4.2 Audit compliance and framework. Subrecipient shall comply with all applicable federal subrecipient audit requirements, including the Single Audit framework under 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F (historically referred to, and tracked by the Commonwealth as, OMB Circular A-133). Subrecipient shall provide MassTech with a copy of its annual Single Audit report, or an official threshold exemption certification, within nine (9) months of the end of the Subrecipient's fiscal year.

4.3 Audit and inspection. The Awarding Entity, MassTech, EOHHS, the Governor, the Secretary of Administration and Finance, the Comptroller, the State Auditor, the Attorney General, any of their authorized representatives or designees, and any other state or federal oversight agency shall have the right, at reasonable times and on reasonable notice, to:

(a) Examine and copy books, records and other compilations of data pertaining to the Subaward;

(b) Evaluate the quality, appropriateness and timeliness of Subrecipient's performance;

(c) Inspect and audit Subrecipient's financial records related to the Subaward; and

(d) Audit, inspect, and view the Subrecipient's active real-time financial tracking dashboard, ledger systems, and live cost tracking setups.

4.4 Real-Time Recording and Ledger Access. The terms and conditions of the federal award require that expenses be recorded in real-time. Subrecipient shall record all costs chronologically in its

financial systems at or near the time the liability was incurred. In addition, to support oversight by the Awarding Entity, MassTech, EOHHS, and federal auditors, the Subrecipient shall make its active financial dashboard or ledger immediately available upon request and must demonstrate that all costs claimed for reimbursement were so recorded, in a format that permits continuous reconciliation against the specific categorical caps and line items defined in the project budget.

4.5 Safeguards. Subrecipient shall implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of personal information and any other data and materials used under the Subaward.

4.6 Documentation. Subrecipient shall maintain, and readily produce to the Awarding Entity upon request, sufficient documentation to support, demonstrate, and justify that each expenditure under the Subaward is allowable, reasonable and necessary, and shall ensure that all subcontractors and lower-tier subrecipients maintain, and produce to Subrecipient upon request, such documentation for their expenditures. Such documentation may be requested for any lawful purpose, including a state or federal audit.

5. Public Communications

5.1 Prior approval. Subrecipient shall obtain prior approval from the Awarding Entity and, where the Awarding Entity is not MassTech, from MassTech, before Subrecipient or any of its officers, agents or employees responds to any media inquiry, makes any public comment or issues any other public communication, or authorizes the issuance, display, distribution or publication of any news story, publicity release, interview, promotional or marketing material, or other public announcement regarding any aspect of the Subaward. Subrecipient shall also ensure that its subcontractors or lower-tier subrecipients obtain prior approval from Subrecipient before issuing any such public statements. Subrecipient acknowledges that MassTech may be required to obtain approval from EOHHS before approving any such communication.

5.2 Federal funding disclosure. Where Subrecipient identifies the source of Subaward funding in approved materials, it shall state that the work is "supported by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling **$162,005,238.13** with 100 percent funded by CMS/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government."

6. Recovery of Funds and Termination

6.1 Recovery of funds. To the extent payments are made under the Subaward for purposes later determined to be impermissible under the Subaward, the Massachusetts RHTP grant, or other state or federal law by EOHHS, CMS, a federal or state auditor, or another oversight agency, the Awarding Entity may recoup or recover those funds from Subrecipient.

6.2 Termination for loss of funding. The Awarding Entity may terminate the Subaward on cessation in whole or in part of state or federal funding for the program, or on changes in applicable state or federal law or initiatives that make termination necessary or advisable.

6.3 Amendment for compliance. The Awarding Entity may amend the Subaward as necessary to comply with federal RHTP requirements, or to implement and comply with state or federal statutory or regulatory requirements, judicial orders, settlement agreements, or any state or federal initiatives or changes affecting the Awarding Entity, the Subrecipient or the Subaward.