

2009 OAA RFP Notice
November 16, 2009

Following the Alliance's posting on October 22, 2009 of its intended allocations arising out of the 2009 Older Americans Act ("OAA") RFP, Alliance staff has determined that there are flaws in the RFP that created a lack of clarity amongst proposers that will result in existing consumers suffering service reductions as a result of the RFP. Because of the flaws in the RFP, and the analysis conducted by staff, it has now been determined that the intended allocations as approved by the Board on October 22, 2009 will leave some existing consumers, areas and communities without funding for services. This was not the intent of the Alliance in issuing the RFP, and clearly is not in the best interest of the Alliance or the individuals that it serves. Section C.1.r. reserves to the Alliance "the right to reject any and all replies, or postpone or cancel [the] RFP if the Alliance determines, in its sole discretion that such action is in its best interest or in the best interest of the individuals that it serves." Based on the flaws in the RFP that created lack of clarity that will result in existing consumers being without services and the analysis conducted by staff, it is recommended that it is in the best interest of the Alliance and the individuals that it serves for the Alliance to exercise its discretion to reject all proposals, cancel the RFP, and begin the procurement process anew. This recommendation is supported by the Secretary of the Department of Elder Affairs, who has authorized the Alliance to extend current contracts for three additional months through March 31, 2010. During this time frame, a new procurement process will be instituted and new contracts will be promulgated that ensure that existing consumers, areas and communities will maintain appropriate levels of services.

At the November 16th, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors, upon a properly made and seconded motion, it was unanimously resolved to accept the recommendation made by the Alliance for Aging to exercise its discretion to reject all proposals, cancel the RFP, and begin the procurement process anew. Current contracts will be extended for three additional months through March 31, 2010, during which time a new procurement process will be instituted and new contracts will be promulgated that ensure that existing consumers, areas and communities will maintain appropriate levels of services.