



Summome Native Ventures Wins Contract to Support HRSA Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Modernization Initiative

Joint Venture between Guidehouse and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians will assist HRSA with strengthening OPTN accountability, equity, and performance for donors, patients, and families

WASHINGTON—May 18, 2023—[Summome Native Ventures](#), a tribally owned Small Disadvantaged Business joint venture between Guidehouse and PCI Government Services (PCI-GS), has been awarded a contract from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support its comprehensive approach for user-centered, wide stakeholder engagement on modernizing the design and implementation of the [Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network](#) (OPTN).

The five-year indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract will provide HRSA with support for planning, designing, and coordinating the modernization of organ procurement and transplantation operations, governance, and technology to drive improvements in a range of areas in support of HRSA’s vision.

Under this award, Summome, a mentor-protégé joint venture authorized under the U.S. Small Business Administration 8(a) Business Development program, will provide operational planning, strategic communications, and organizational change management consulting services to support HRSA’s modernization strategy to drive improvements in equity, patient outcomes, and patient safety. The award builds upon Guidehouse’s and PCI-GS’ combined decades of experience in strategic planning, management support, and execution of large modernization and organizational transformation efforts across federal agencies.

“It is an honor for Summome Native Ventures to assist HRSA with modernizing our nation’s organ donor system,” said Scott McIntyre, CEO of Guidehouse. “Our expertise across the entire health ecosystem puts us in a [unique position to provide perspective](#) on the complex policies, governance, stakeholders, and technologies influencing this essential initiative. Leveraging our collective capabilities will help drive HRSA’s vision for a future system that better serves the needs of donors, patients, and their families.”

“The Organ Procurement and Transplant Network plays a critical role in our country’s healthcare system,” said Stephanie A. Bryan, Poarch Band of Creek Indians chair & CEO. “So many lives have been saved through transplants, and as part of Summome Native Ventures, we share a deep commitment with our partner, Guidehouse, to helping find ways to enhance the current system to serve more people, more effectively and more efficiently.”

An agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), HRSA launched the OPTN Modernization Initiative to better serve the needs of patients and families. The Initiative will strengthen accountability, equity, and performance in the organ donation and transplantation

system through a focus on five key areas: technology; data transparency; governance; operations; and quality improvement and innovation.

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