



BETTER TOGETHER FUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RFQ

The Better Together Fund (BTF) has released a Technical Assistance RFQ for providers of technical assistance in various areas related to strategic partnerships. This is the response of the applicant below:

What is the legal name of the consulting firm or independent consultant?	UNT Dallas, Urban SERCH Institute
Please provide the legal structure of the firm.	Public 4-year institution of higher education
What year was the firm founded? (if applicable)	2010
How many individuals work in the firm?	256
Please provide the names and title of key individuals in the firm who would potentially be working as part of this RFQ.	Dr. James K. Agbodzakey, Director & Associate Professor Dr. Janiece Upshaw, Affiliate Faculty & Assistant Professor Dr. Kelly Varga, Affiliate Faculty & Assistant Professor Dr. Julie Siddique, Affiliate Faculty & Associate Professor Dr. Priya Eimerbrink, Affiliate Faculty & Associate Professor Dr. Jesseca Lightbourne, Affiliate Faculty & Assistant Professor Mary Garza-Ayeni, Senior Project Coordinator, and others based on need and area of expertise.
Please provide the consultant's or firm's website.	https://aa.untDallas.edu/serch-institute
For an independent consultant. How long has the applicant been working as a consultant? (if applicable)	NA
Please provide a list of languages spoken by staff.	English, Spanish

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION	
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Please describe the geographic area served by the firm.	Dallas County, specifically Southern Sector
What are your firm's primary areas of practice?	Nonprofit Governance, succession planning, food insecurity, healthcare management, collaborative governance, strategic planning, board development etc.
How many Better Together Fund projects that were awarded funding have you been involved with?	None
Please list all Better Together Fund projects that were awarded funding that you have been involved with. You can list a project as anonymous if it is confidential.	NA
Briefly describe 1-3 examples of restructuring negotiations with which you have been involved; and/or examples of projects where you have helped facilitate, explore, or implement a formal collaboration as defined by the Better Together Fund.	1) Facilitated workshop on nonprofit governance as succession planning for nonprofit executives 3) Facilitated workshop on nonprofit governance as collaboration for nonprofit executives 3) Facilitated workshop on nonprofit governance as leadership for nonprofit executives. The above 3 workshops were organized by SERCH in collaboration with School of Human Services, and Experiential Learning at UNT Dallas
How would you describe the range of diversity reflected in your firm?	Very diverse-gender, expertise, race etc.
Please list all nonprofit issue areas within which you have worked as a paid employee or consultant.	Nonprofit governance, succession planning, nonprofit collaboration, nonprofit leadership, grant writing, strategic planning etc.
Please provide any other information you feel would aid in understanding the value the firm can bring to Better Together Fund grantees and any specific expertise you have in a specific BTF grant phase(s).	SERCH focuses on utilizing UNT Dallas' intellectual and professional capital to provide effective and transformation solutions to entities in need of continuous improvement, growth management, capacity building, and sustainability among others. Areas of service include business, health and human services, public leadership, logistics and supply chain management, STEM, Urban Agriculture, governance, education, public health, organizational behavior, criminal

	justice, nonprofit management, program evaluation, research, case studies, succession planning, career services, human resources management and human development among others.
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CONSULTANT #1 DETAILS	
Name	Dr. James K. Agbodzakey
Email Address	james.agbodzakey@untDallas.edu
Education (list only name of school, major, and degree)	Florida Atlantic University, Public Administration, PhD
Employment History (list only name of employer, title, and dates employed)	UNT Dallas, Director & Associate Professor, Fall 2018-present Nova Southeastern University, Assistant/Associate Professor, 2013-2018 College of The Bahamas/University of The Bahamas, Assistant Professor, 2011-2013
Awards or Certificates	PhD. Public Administration Master's of Public Administration-NGO Administration Master's International Affairs
Nonprofit Board Membership (list only name of organization and the dates served)	Save Lower Volta Network (Ghana), 2001-2005

CONSULTANT #2 DETAILS	
Name	Dr. Janiece Upshaw
Email Address	janiece.upshaw@untDallas.edu
Education (list only name of school, major, and degree)	UT Dallas, Public Affairs, PhD UT Arlington, Social Work Administration, MSSW Baylor University, Social Work, BA
Employment History (list only name of employer, title, and dates employed)	UNT Dallas, Assistant Professor, 2016-current YWCA Dallas, Senior VP of Advancement 2015-2016 Volunteers of America Texas, VP of Advancement, 2013-2016 Consultant to Nonprofit Organizations, 2010 - 2013 Big Thought, Director of Out of School time, 2009-2010 Richardson ISD, Science Specialist, 2004-2009
Awards or Certificates	NA
Nonprofit Board Membership (list only name of organization and the dates served)	NA

CONSULTANT #3 DETAILS	
Name	NA
Email Address	NA
Education (list only name of school, major, and degree)	NA
Employment History (list only name of employer, title, and dates employed)	NA
Awards or Certificates	NA
Nonprofit Board Membership (list only name of organization and the dates served)	NA

CLIENT REFERENCE #1	
Name of Organization	YMCA
Please provide the name(s) of other organizations involved in the collaboration or negotiations.	Public Leadership, UNT Dallas
Client Reference – Contact Name	Keith Vinson
Client Reference – Contact Email Address	kvinson@YMCADALLAS.org
Client Reference – Phone Number	214-375-2583
Please briefly describe the engagement.	A community needs assessment was performed for three of the local YMCAs to determine services the community residents wanted to see offered at the YMCA and which services were most effective.

CLIENT REFERENCE #2	
Name of Organization	Sharing the Love Foundation
Please provide the name(s) of other organizations involved in the collaboration or negotiations.	Public Leadership, UNT Dallas
Client Reference – Contact Name	Marian Stewart
Client Reference – Contact Email Address	sharingthelove01@gmail.com
Client Reference – Phone Number	469-278-5755
Please briefly describe the engagement.	Provided an organizational assessment, focused on board roles, fundraising, organizational strengths, and areas for growth.

Please provide any additional client references.	NA
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