**TOWARD ONE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR PROPSALS**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**What is the goal of the interest sessions?** The interest sessions will provide opportunities for conference attendees to discover collaborative and innovative approaches, best practices, cutting edge research, and/or success stories that connect to the conference theme, “Where do we start and how do we continue”.

Conference participants will come from many different places around understanding and engaging with diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in their lives. There a variety of ways to start and continue building capacity and creating space that celebrates diversity, equity, and inclusion. We look forward to seeing how your proposal aligns with this theme.

**What are some examples of presentations from the conference?** Presentations can be done as a single presenter, panel, workshop, or discussion format. Topics will vary based upon the conference theme. Presenters are encouraged to present hot topics, best practices, examples of overcoming barriers, and/or data around diversity, inclusion, access, and equity

**Who will attend the conference**? The conference will bring together citizens and organizations from multiple sectors across Wisconsin to build communities of equity and opportunity. We expect a diverse attendance including but not limited to representatives from birth-K-12, higher education, academia, business and industry, state and local workforce development, youth programs, health professions, vocational rehabilitation, chambers of commerce, non-profit organizations, government, community and neighborhood associations, and faith-based groups.

**How many session will be offered during one time block?**

There will be at least two to three interest sessions held during an hour block of time.

**How many sessions are needed?** There will be up to 6 interest sessions held throughout the conference.

**How long is the interest session?** Sixty minutes has been allocated for each interest session.

**What is the cost to the presenter to attend the conference?**

All presenters are required to pay the registration fee. For presenters the cost is $59 (standard rate is $129) for November 4.

**Will the presenter be paid or reimbursed for their expenses?** Interest session presenters will not be paid a stipend or honorarium. Their travel expenses will not be covered.

**What is the deadline to submit a Request for Proposal?** Please see website: inclusivity-wi.org.

**How will presentations be determined?** The conference planning committee will be responsible for selecting the proposals based on some selection criteria which includes:

Proposals should be timely, carefully considered and prepared, interactive, and provide resources, takeaways, and action points. Reviewers will consider the following criteria when evaluating proposals:

* Relevance: The proposed session should address the conference theme.
* Approach: The following should be clear: the session description and objectives; how the session adds value to the conference and serves attendees; who the target audience is; and what takeaways participants can expect.
* Creativity and innovation: The session should bring to bear a new lens or perspective on its topic by presenting original research, applying personal or theoretical knowledge, and/or demonstrating new models or evidence-based practices.
* Impact: The session should lend itself to professional or personal application. It should be designed to encourage attendees to contemplate follow-up, continued exploration, and action planning on various levels.

**How many people are expected for each session?** The interest session rooms will hold up to 40 people, however, attendance at each interest session will vary depending upon the topic and interest of the attendees.