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# Health Information Technology Webinar

State Flex Program Relationships with  
Health Information Technology  
Regional Extension Centers

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# Purpose

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The National Rural Health Resource Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and improving health care in rural communities. As the nation's leading technical assistance and knowledge center in rural health, The Center focuses on five core areas:

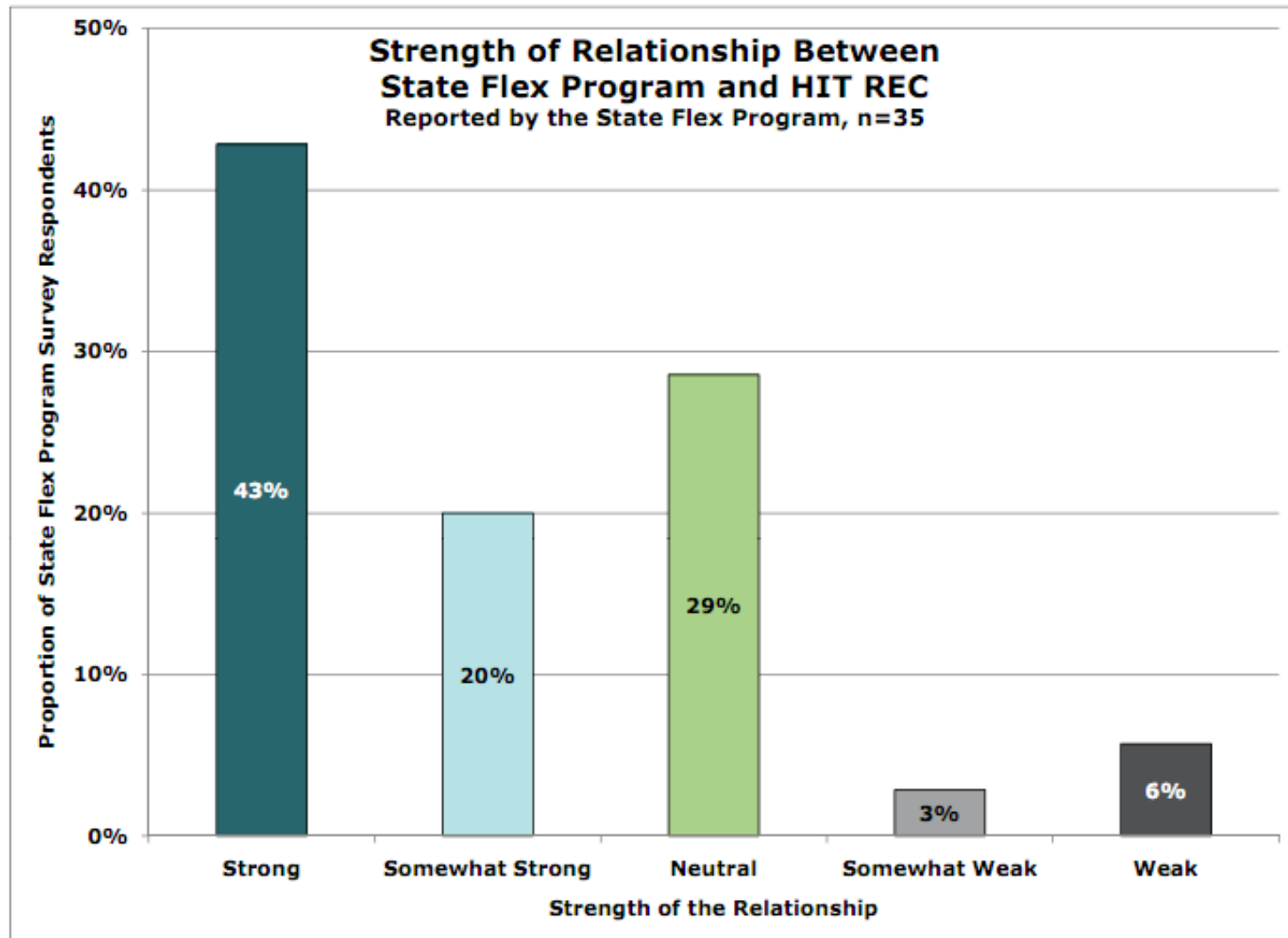
- Performance Improvement
- Health Information Technology
- Recruitment & Retention
- Community Health Assessments
- Networking



## Request for Information

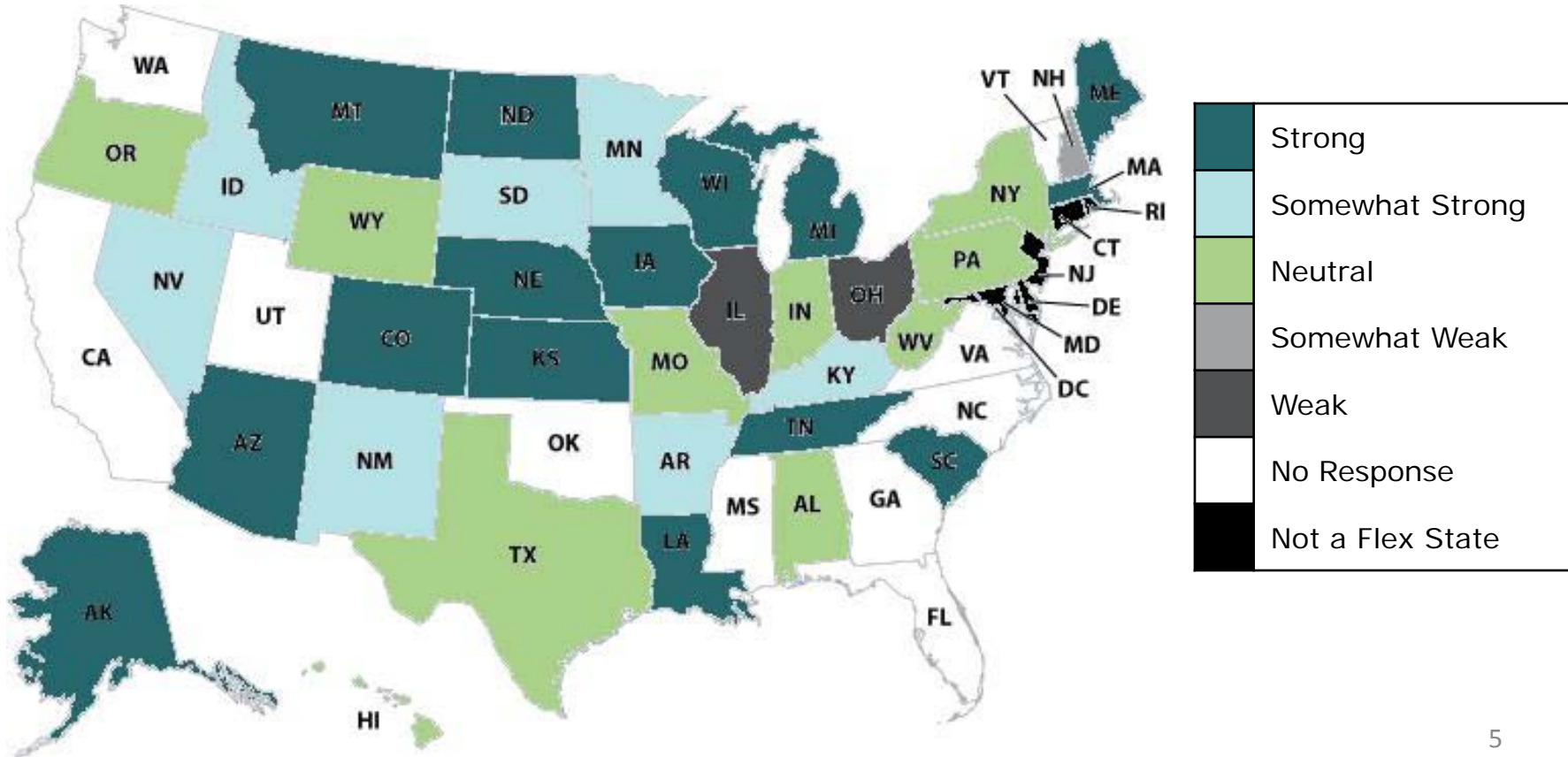
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- Web-based assessment used to collect information from State Flex Programs
- Launched 3/29/11, closed 4/29/11
- 35 of the 45 State Flex Programs Responded





# Strength of Relationship

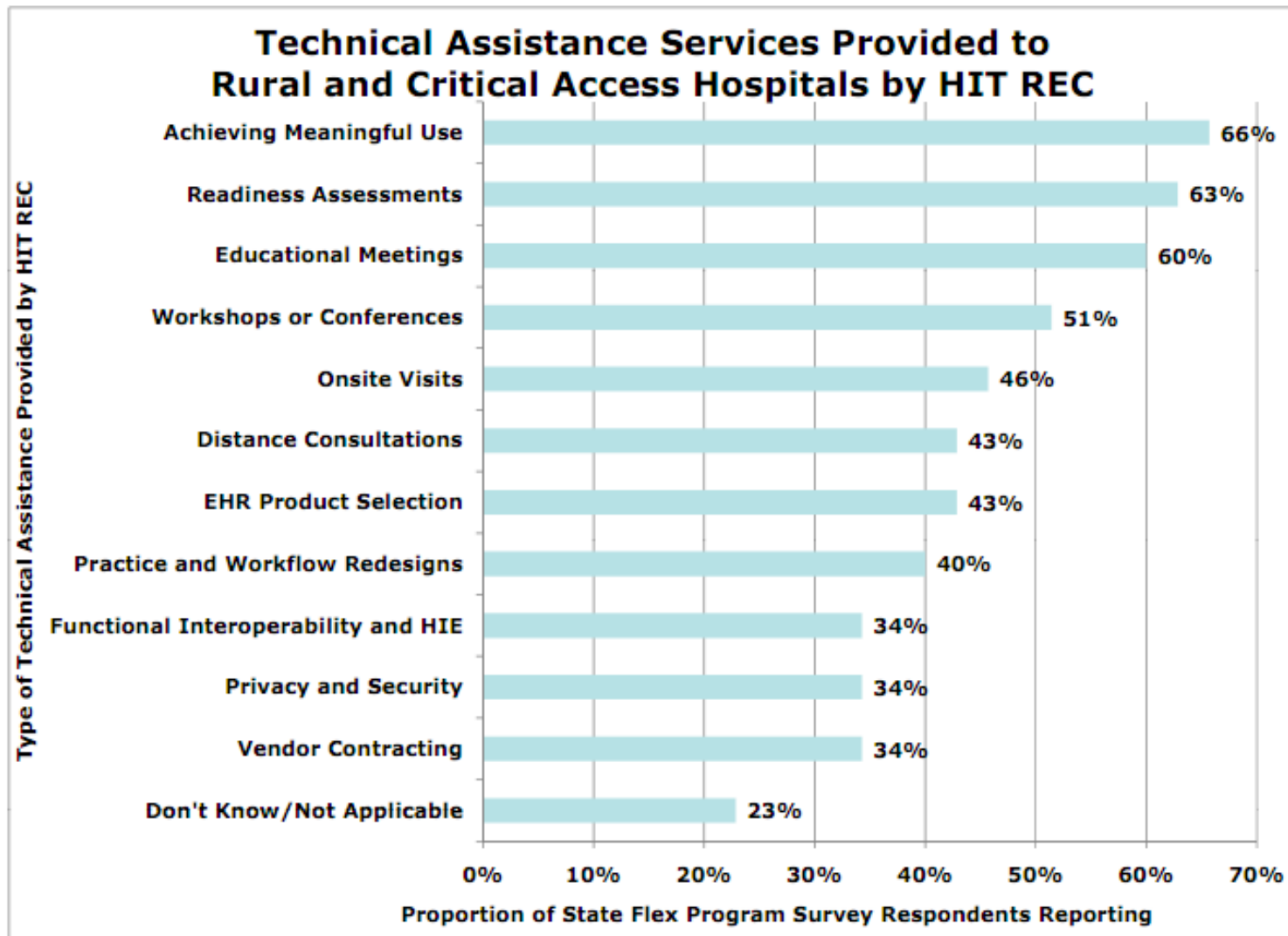




## Provision of Technical Services

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- Does the HIT REC provide technical assistance services to the rural and critical access hospitals in your state?
  - 80% YES
  - 9% NO
  - 11% DON'T KNOW





# Other Technical Services Provided

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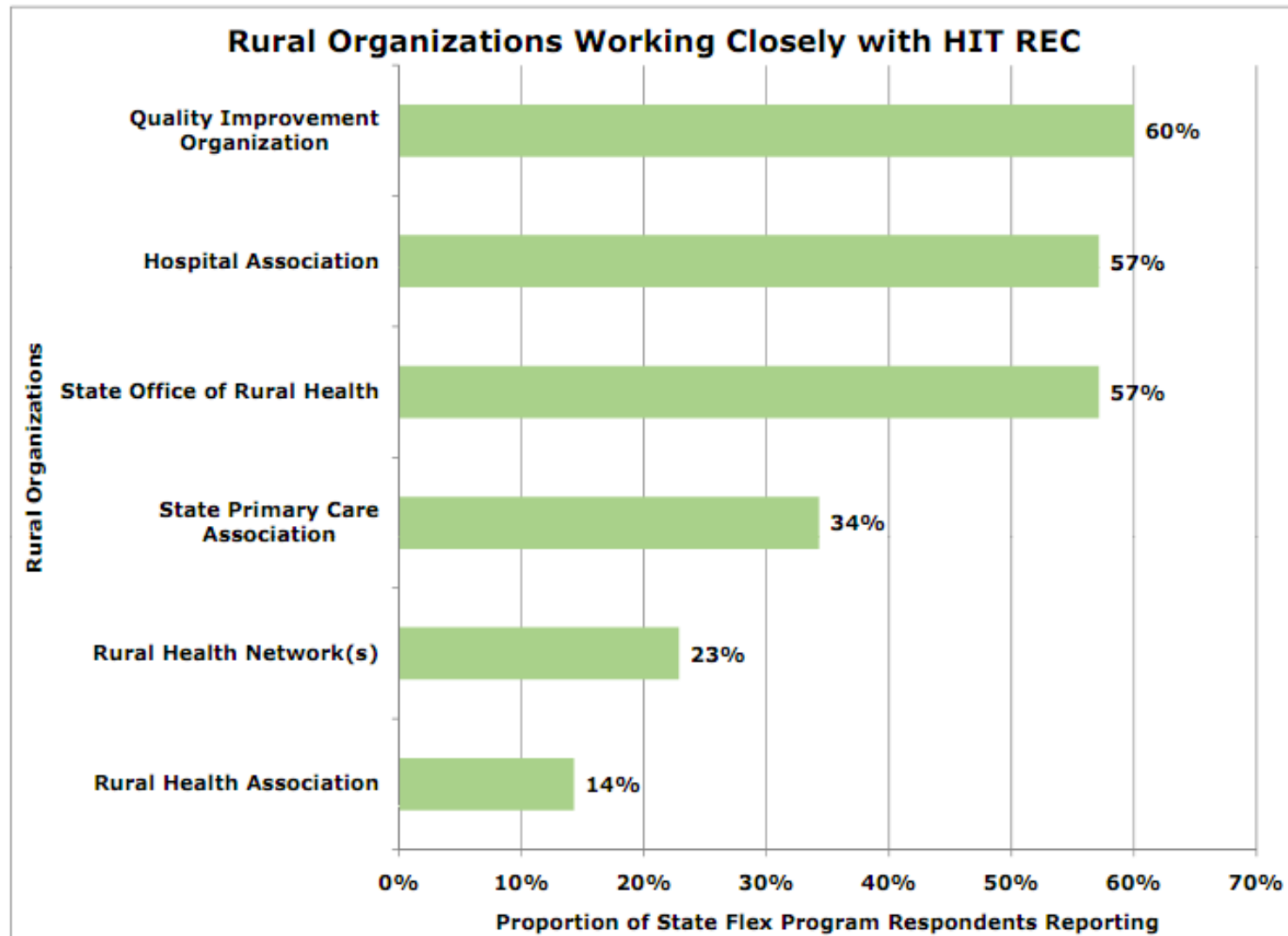
- Consulting contracts
- Incentive calculations
- Meaningful use assessments
- QI objective assessments
- Regional meetings
- User group meetings



## Contracted Services

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- 3 Flex Programs contract services to HIT REC
- 2 HIT RECs contract services to Flex Programs





## Other Organizations Working Closely with REC

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- Academy of Family Practice
- e-Health Initiative
- Networks
- State Department of Health
  - Division of Administration
  - Office of HIT



## Other Organizations Working Closely with REC

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- State HIT Coordinator
- State Medical Society
- State Osteopathic Association
- Universities



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