

LOC Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

To: Solicited Vendors for Letter of Configuration (LOC) 40499, dated May 9, 2014 for the MS Department of Human Services (MDHS)

From: Craig P. Orgeron, Ph.D.

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Subject: Responses to Questions Submitted and Clarifications to Specifications

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LOC 40499 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3 PROCUREMENT PROJECT SCHEDULE

Task	Date
Proposals Due	Friday, June 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. CST
Proposal Evaluation	June 13 - 20, 2014
Notification of Award	June 20, 2014
Delivery on or before	July 11, 2014

Section 4 STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING, Item 4.3 has been amended as follows:

4.3 Vendor must be aware the ITS reserves the right to make additional purchases at the proposed prices for an ~~twelve (12)~~ eighteen (18) month period. Vendor must be aware that the quantities listed on the Cost Information Form, Attachment A, are an estimated number of cartridges to be purchased over the next twelve to eighteen months at the proposed prices. ITS will contact the awarded vendor each time a purchase is to be made.

The following questions were submitted to ITS and are being presented as they were submitted, except to remove any reference to a specific vendor. This information should assist you in formulating your response.

Question 1: Are we allowed to submit a quote for a comparable product for the tapes that is not IBM? I.E. a different brand, HP, Imation, etc.?

Response: ITS prefers IBM branded tape media.

Question 2: What are the models and makes of the tape drives that the tapes will be used in?

Response: **IBM 3592 E05, E06, E07**

Question 3: On pages 5 and 6, the RFP asks about Warranty/Maintenance and Manufacturer Direct Maintenance. Is it correct to assume that all of numbers 6 and 7 has to do with hardware? Should we respond with Exception and fill out Attachment C explaining that it is N/A as the Brief Explanation or just answer Exception to all the questions?

Response: **Numbers 6 and 7 have to do with hardware; however, ITS expects a tape Vendor to warranty/replace a factory defective tape.**

Question 4: Can we bid a cost labeling and initializing all tapes?

Response: **No, ITS labels and initializes the tape media.**

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Jill Chastant at 601-432-8214 or via email at jill.chastant@its.ms.gov.

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