

LOC Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

To: Solicited Vendors for Letter of Configuration (LOC) Number 39409, dated December 22, 2011 for the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office (MSOS)

From: Craig P. Orgeron, Ph.D.

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Subject: Responses to Questions Submitted and Clarifications to Specifications

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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: What is your existing hardware that is available for this project? What are the specifications for this hardware?

Response: **The SOS has some existing hardware for this project, but is open to purchasing additional hardware. The hardware specificities will be determined by the needs of the application.**

Question 2: What amount of bandwidth is available for the RSS and XML files?

Response: **MSOS is on the ITS network with 10G bandwidth.**

Question 3: Who will be able to access the RSS and the XML data feeds?

Response: **Subscribers to the data feed and appropriate MSOS staff.**

Question 4: Do you have an existing license for MSSQL on the intermediate server?

Response: **Yes.**

Question 5: Is the March go-live pilot internal only? Is it to be a pilot for one county or statewide?

Response: **This will be an external pilot for 5-10 counties.**

Question 6: Do you supply and maintain the existing GEMS computers located at the counties? Do all of these machines share the same hardware specifications? If so, what are the hardware specifications and OS?

Response: **MSOS supplied the initial GEMS computers, but each county is responsible for their own equipment. The servers that were provided by the state are Dell PowerEdge 1800 servers with 1GB RAM, 4 RAID 5 Drives for a total 720GB, running MS Server 2000 OS.**

Question 7: Could a schema of GEMS output be provided?

Response: **The data export format can be provided.**

Question 8: Will the MS SOS assign a project manager and staff resources to this project?

Response: **A project manager will be assigned.**

Question 9: Are “locked down” data counts of eligible voter registration available before election events to use in calculating turnout?

Response: **Yes.**

Question 10: Attachment A – Cost Information Form does not indicate labor unit breakout. Accordingly, should cost be presented as a lump sum fee for professional staff hours?

Response: **Yes. A breakdown of labor cost is not required.**

Question 11: Is there consideration for importing prior election results into the solution?

Response: **Importing prior elections results is not included in the current project scope. MSOS may wish to pursue this feature in the future.**

LOC responses are due January 12, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time).

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Ravaughn Robinson at 601-432-8170 or via email at Ravaughn.Robinson@its.ms.gov.

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