

LOC Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

To: Solicited Vendors for Letter of Configuration (LOC) Number 40856, dated January 30, 2015 for the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES)

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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: Since "4.10 states there is currently an incumbent, InfoSpan Technologies Inc., on this project. The incumbent will be allowed to submit a response to this LOC." How can any other company compete with an incumbent who has the knowhow of MDES environment ?

Response: **Individuals proposed must meet or exceed the minimum experience requirements as outlined in the LOC. All individuals will be evaluated using the stated functional and technical requirements. Please see response to Question 2.**

Question 2: In case a consultant has left this position does the company providing the consultant gets any kind of preference over other vendors ?

Response: **Preference will not be given to any Vendor responding to this LOC.**

Question 3: Are you planning to hire Only 1 or > 1 individual with this LOC ?

Response: **ITS anticipates making an award to one Vendor for one individual. Note that the State reserves the right to make additional awards based on the proposals received in response to this LOC. Please refer to Item 4.2 of the LOC.**

Question 4: Since this is a Data warehouse project
A) What tools are being utilized as BI tools e.g Informatica, Cognos, MS SQL BI Suite etc..?
B) Why is there NO additional consideration for a candidate who has Data warehouse background ?

Response: **A) MDES uses Cognos.**
B) This is not a data warehouse project. This is staff augmentation for a programmer/analyst to assist MDES with data warehousing and migrating mainframe applications to Java.

Question 5: As per "5.4.4 - Experience with unemployment insurance benefits laws, regulations and associated business processes". Since this is a Mandatory requirement how can any company compete with the incumbent already in place at MDES ?

Response: **Please see response to Question 1.**

Question 6: What size team will this consultant be working with ?

Response: **The team size varies between two and eight people.**

Question 7: What percentage of the work done by the consultant would be
A) New Development
B) maintaining existing applications ?

Response: **A) 50%**
B) 50%

Question 8: What are the chances of extension beyond the first 12 month period ?

Response: **The State reserves the right to extend the contract for additional term(s). Please refer to Item 8.1 in the LOC and Article 1.1 in the Standard Professional Services Agreement.**

Question 9: If there are any training related to the project for the CONSULTANT provided, who pays for the COST ?

Response: **MDES does not expect the need for training of the awarded individual. Individuals proposed must meet or exceed the minimum experience requirements as outlined in the LOC.**

LOC responses are due February 24, 2015, 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 Teresa Washington at 601-432-8049 or via email at teresa.washington@its.ms.gov.

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