



Architectural Document - Response to Proposer Inquiries July 20, 2011

1. **Will the firm awarded this contract be eligible to bid on the new system offered through a separate RFP within the fiscal years 2012 – 13?** Yes
2. **Page 13, #2 – Tasks and Services: How many of your staff will be involved in our interviews to gather documentation and detail on the current system and the additional enhancements for the new system?** Our role will be to assist in any manner we can, depending on daily constraints of our staff. You should, however, be prepared to hold interviews on your own and any questions you may have can be answered at a later time by IT staff.
3. **Page 13, #2 – Tasks and Services: With reference to the mention of committees, can you tell us how many committees will be involved in the information gathering phase of this project?** We plan on working with the selected contractor on determining who the primary stakeholders should be and the design of any committees formed.
4. **Can you provide the functional title(s) for committee(s) to be involved?** Yes, this will consist of internal staff and anyone from the chosen contractor.
5. **Are committee meetings already scheduled for this fiscal year that we will need to attend and if so, how many and at what intervals are they planned?** This will be determined with the selected contractor and executive management.
6. **Does LSERS have office out of the Baton Rouge area?** No.
7. **If LSERS have offices out of the Baton Rouge area will they need to be visited in the performance of this project and what are their locations?** There are no other offices that will need to be visited.
8. **Page 14, #5c – Deliverables: “Payments will be broken into four phases that will be dispersed when twenty-five percent of the work is complete.” Have you identify the phases/payment points as deliverable points or will we they be based on a project work plan and the % completed from the planned timeline?** The phases will be identified during the contract portion of the RFP process.
9. **Can you provide the version of the IBM iSeries currently in use?** IBM iSeries P5 V5R4
10. **What applications are running on the IBM iSeries?** Custom retirement application that is written in the programming language COBOL.
11. **Is LSERS running both custom and packaged applications?** Custom
12. **What are the development language(s) of the applications?** COBOL
13. **Can you provide the number of users utilizing each of these applications?** There are 40 internal staff members.

14. **What is the database engine/file structure being used?** Information resides within a DB2 database, but is processed through a flat file process.
15. **Do you have access to the source code for the applications?** Yes
16. **Who is responsible for the maintenance and support of LSERS' current IBM iSeries system?**
There is a maintenance agreement with IBM to support the hardware and software components of the IBM iSeries.
17. **Will we have access to the person responsible for the maintenance and support of the IBM iSeries system?** Yes, there are internal technicians who are responsible for the support and maintenance of the IBM iSeries hardware and software maintenance. Any expertise above what is available within LSERS technical staff will have to be provided through the contractor creating the RFP.
18. **Who is responsible for the maintenance and support of LSERS' applications running on the IBM iSeries?** Internal staff members are responsible for enhancements and maintenance of the IBM iSeries system.
19. **Will we have access to the person responsible for the maintenance and support of the applications?** Yes
20. **Can an out of state vendor respond to this RFP with an understanding that certificate of authority from State of Louisiana is obtained post award?** Yes
21. **For cost efficiencies – can we propose the some resource team members to be based out of our development center outside of the US and work remotely with the onsite team? Would it be acceptable?** This would be acceptable, provided that any interaction with staff would be onsite.
22. **Is there a fixed price budget or not-to-exceed amount for this project?** Yes
23. **Is there an incumbent vendor? If so can you name them? Will they also be responding to this RFP?** There is no incumbent vendor and you will be dealing with internal staff members of the organization.
24. **Is it critical to show experience with IBM iSeries or would the experience on developing Web applications using MS SQL Server & VS 2010 be more counted?** The contractor selected will need to have the ability to ascertain information within the IBM iSeries application and provide the necessary data to develop the new application utilizing Visual Studio 2010 and Microsoft SQL Server 2008. We are currently documenting various aspects of the IBM iSeries application internally to assist the selected contractor with the development of this new application. However, it should not be expected to provide all the information required to complete this project and the contractor will be responsible for gathering information needed for the development of the Architectural Document with some assistance from internal developers.
25. **Could we have the screen capture (print screen) of the major functional screens?** This will be provided once the contractor is selected for the project and a confidentiality agreement has been reached by both parties.
26. **Is it possible to share the Business requirement document of the existing application?** This will be provided once the contractor is selected for the project and a confidentiality agreement has been reached by both parties.