QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES # 5
PROJECT NO. F10R5200205
Enterprise Web Systems
August 11, 2005

Ladies/Gentlemen**:**

This List of Questions and Responses #5, Question #33 through 37, is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named RFP. The statements and interpretations of contract requirements, which are stated in the following questions of potential offerors, are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the RFP. Nothing in the State's responses to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the vendor asking the question as to what the contract does or does not require.

33. QUESTION: RFP Section 1.1.4 states that current system documentation including an inventory of the hardware and network components that are available for potential Offerors to review at a reading room at DBM in Annapolis. Is that still available?

RESPONSE: Yes. Please contact the Procurement Officer at 410-260-7683 to arrange a time to review the documentation. Also, all reviewers must sign a non-disclosure agreement. See Attachment I for the agreement.

34. QUESTION: Would the selected vendor be responsible for supporting desktop PCs and performing technology upgrade/refresh on large groups of PCs?

RESPONSE: The RFP does not call for support to desktop PCs. Upgrade and refresh is for the hardware, software and network equipment currently identified in section 2.3 of the RFP. Support for additional components would be addressed through the work order component of the RFP.

35. QUESTION: Would you consider a company with major portal software experience that has staff with Plumtree experience an acceptable choice for this project? If so, would you consider revising the experience requirements to state company experience with major portal software and staff with Plumtree experience?

RESPONSE: It's unclear from the question where the experience requirements of the RFP would need to be revised. A company with major portal software and Plumtree experience may be able to support particular aspects of this project including project administration and software support. However, this would not address the intrusion detection, monitoring and hardware maintenance aspects of the work required. Offerors may consider the use of sub-contractors in support of those areas not within the competencies of the offeror.

36. Would you consider reducing the MBE participation goal to 25%?

RESPONSE: No.

37. Will the winning vendor of the DBM Enterprise Systems contract be required to pay the E-Maryland Marketplace fee that became effective 7/1/05 or will they be exempt since the solicitation was issued prior to the new regs becoming effective?

RESPONSE: This procurement is not subject to the fee as the original solicitation was issued prior to the effective date.

    Remember offers are **due on September 9, 2005 no later than 2:00 p.m.(local time)** If there are questions concerning this solicitation, please contact me via e-mail at bbowser@dbm.state.md.us or call me at (410) 260-7683 as soon as possible.

Date Issued: August 11, 2005   By   <Signed>
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