

Database RFP

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS — SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

- (1) Q: Can you please confirm that you want a hard copy of the RFP response?

A: Yes.

- (2) Q: In looking at the scope of work, there are some “new” items that may be potentially large changes, and they would require more information to give pricing. My question is, exactly how would you like to see pricing associated with these unknowns?

A: As you may have noticed, most of these items fall under the **Near-Term Element** and **Longer-Term Element** headings. We do not necessarily expect this as out-of-box functionality. Rather, we would need to ensure that the information system can be enhanced to meet the requirements in the future. If you are able to do this, I would note that you are capable but indicate the caveats that may be applicable. As you note, there are a lot of details that would need to be discussed for these elements.

- (3) Q: Can you please tell me what time bids are due and whether they can simply be postmarked or if they need to be delivered by the deadline?

A: Please see the information below from our legal ad.

Responses are due on September 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Compact’s Office, 261 Whites Path, Unit #4, South Yarmouth, MA 02664. An award will be made within 45 days. All responses must be received in a sealed envelope properly marked prior to the deadline.

- (4) Q: Is PRF 74 a requirement for this RFP?

A: No. It is not.

- (5) Q: Is there a set budget for this contract?

A: No. No set budget.

- (6) Q: How we do address future considerations in the response?

A: These are not requirements for “out of the box” functionality, but the Compact is interested in flexibility and adaptability of the system to include these future considerations.

- (7) Q: Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this?

(like, from India or Canada)

A: The Compact directs your attention to Article III(A) of the RFP which provides that a proposer must be organized or registered to do business in Massachusetts, and in good standing with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

(8) Q: Whether we need come over there for meetings?

A: The Compact directs your attention to the Scope of Services requested in the RFP; in particular, requirements for on-site work.

(9) Q: Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA?

A: The Compact cannot answer your question; individual proposers will need to determine (based on their particular resources) how they can perform the requested services.

(10)Q: Can we submit the proposal via email?

A: The Compact directs your attention to Article VII(B); in particular, the requirements for submissions to be made in sealed envelopes.