



Discretionary Procurement # C000849

ITS QUESTION & ANSWER RESPONSE DOCUMENT – POSTED 10-18-2024

Agency: New York State Office of Information Technology Services
Contract Number: C000849
Contract term: TBD (1-year)
Project Title: WCB System Modernization Project
Bid Publish Date: September 30, 2024, by 4:00 PM Eastern Time
Bid Due Date/Time: November 4, 2024, by 4:00 PM Eastern Time

1. What tools will be used by the consultants?

ITS Response: The scope includes the following tools: Apeon PowerBuilder 2022, .NET, and C#, and this software will be provided by the State.

2. As these positions are fully remote, is offshore work allowed?

ITS Response: All work in conjunction with this project must be performed within the continental U.S. (the lower 48 states)

3. How will consultants connect to ITS systems?

ITS Response: Remote access will be granted as part of the onboarding process. ITS utilizes Horizon desktop software for telecommuting, however, other agencies may use difference interfaces for remote connectivity.

4. Is the agency open to using an ITS-recommended and supported low code platform to support this rebuild/modernization rather than traditional coding languages?

Vendor's explanation of question #4: The platform in question is built on .NET standard technology, so you'd own the IP, and your team's existing skillsets would translate.

ITS Response 4: No low code platform is being considered. The solution will be standard .NET technology.

5. Attachment 1 - Consultant Qualification Form has a row for Project(s) Name and Description for each table besides Qualification 2.a. Was that intended to not be included for that specific qualification? If we are meant to include that information, will we receive a revised Attachment or should we just manually add the additional row within the Document ourselves?

ITS Response 5: ITS has uploaded a new Attachment 1 which includes the same rows for each qualification. Vendors are able to copy and paste, and/or add rows to the table as needed.

6. The SOW mentions C# and .NET Web Apps, but it is not included within the Qualification Form. Would experience with these languages be taken into consideration as a plus during evaluation?

ITS Response 6: ITS has revised the solicitation document to include the following two new minimum qualifications to cover these technologies as listed within the scope of work:

- a. Minimum of 6 years of experience successfully developing and implementing .NET Web applications
- b. Minimum of 6 years of experience successfully developing in the C# programming language

7. What is the limit on consultants we can propose for this solicitation?

ITS Response 7: Page 2 of the solicitation document "Scope of Work" states that the vendor shall provide two lead development resources, and ITS expects there to be two resources based on the anticipated level of work effort involved. However, there isn't a specific limit imposed.

8. When is the expected start date for this one-year project? We understand that approvals are required by oversight agencies before the project can start. We are wondering can estimate approximately when you believe the project would start.

ITS Response 8: The expected start date for this project is January 2025.

9. On page 2, under Scope of Work, it appears that a minimum of two lead development resources should be proposed. Is it acceptable to propose more than two resources overall?

ITS Response: It is acceptable to propose more than two resources overall, however, ITS expects two consultants based on the work effort, but more could be proposed.

10. How many EAServer Components are used in IC2?

ITS Response 10: There are estimated to be 600 EAServer Components used in IC2.

- a. How many .JSP pages are involved?
ITS Response: Estimated to be over 200.
- b. How many PB Components are used by the .JSP pages?
ITS Response: Estimated to be 50.
- c. How many are used by the PowerBuilder client?
ITS Response: Estimated to be over 500.

11. What is the NY state strategic direction on the continued use of Adaptive Server Enterprise?

ITS Response 11: NYS will continue utilizing ASE the foreseeable future.

- a. Are there any plans to migrate this system to another database?

ITS Response 11.a: There are currently no plans to migrate this system at this time as part of this project.

12. Will there be slight extension granted for the submission deadline to provide time to properly review the information provided?

ITS Response 12: Yes, the new bid response due date is Monday, November 4, 2024, 4 PM