

ADDENDUM THREE

DATE: January 21, 2011

TO: All Vendors

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 State Purchasing Bureau

RE: 2nd Round Questions and Answers for RFP Number 3473Z1
 to be opened February 14, 2011

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request For Proposal. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request For Proposal.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<p>1. Section III. Terms and Conditions states –</p> <p>Bidders are expected to closely read the Terms and Conditions and provide a binding signature of intent to comply with the Terms and Conditions; provided, however, a bidder may indicate any exceptions to the Terms and Conditions by (1) clearly identifying the term or condition by subsection, (2) including an explanation for the bidder’s inability to comply with such term or condition which includes a statement recommending terms and conditions the bidder would find acceptable. Rejection in whole or in part of the Terms and Conditions may be cause for rejection of a bidder’s proposal.</p> <p>Please specify where in our proposal you would like us to include this portion of our response.</p>	<p>This should be included in a separate section of the proposal response.</p>

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<p>2. DD. Performance Bond (page 16): Would the State consider limiting the term of the required performance bond to the delivery of the system plus three warranty period, exclude the resulting 5 year maintenance/support renewals?</p> <p>a. If the State will not allow the performance bond to be limited to delivery of the system and three year warranty period, would the State consider a negotiated reduction of the required performance bond for each year following delivery and warranty? For example, a reduction in the required bond would be realized on the anniversary of year 5, and proportional reductions for each year thereafter until the end of the term of the contract.</p>	<p>The RFP is amended to read as follows:</p> <p>The selected contractor will be required to supply a certified check or a bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract surety in the State of Nebraska, payable to the State of Nebraska, which shall be valid from the date of the contract award though the warranty period. The amount of the certified check or bond must be twenty-five percent (25%) of the contract amount. The check or bond will guarantee that the selected contractor will faithfully perform all requirements, terms and conditions of the contract. Failure to comply shall be grounds for forfeiture of the check or bond as liquidated damages. Amount of forfeiture will be determined by the agency based on loss to the State. The bond or certified check will be returned when the service has been satisfactorily completed as solely determined by the State, after termination or expiration of the contract.</p>

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<p>3. Page 67: "The proposed solution shall support a record validation process by which responsible parties are automatically notified in advance of the need to validate within a specific time frame, records are deleted, and parties are notified of the deletions." Does this apply to NCIC Validations or State validations or both? NCIC does provide a \$ Message indicating records are deleted and a notification is delivered to the Agency ORI but is the State requesting more than this functionality? Can the State please provide the current validation process?</p>	<p>a) This applies to the state HOT file validation listings, since NCIC currently provides a \$.C message.</p> <p>b) No.</p> <p>c) The current validation process is a manual one. The CSO receives the monthly NCIC validation via email as a flat-text MS Word attachment. The email is forwarded to the ISO who manually inserts page breaks in between the different ORI's until the entire document is broken up with page breaks between each different ORI. The new document is printed. The State HOT files are grouped by ORI by using a command from the terminal to the message switch, which sorts all entries for the particular month by ORI. Each file listed by ORI is printed. The ISO takes the NCIC printout and the state HOT file printout and groups together a mailing of a particular agency's NCIC records or State HOT file records or both NCIC and State HOT file records. Color sheets of paper are inserted between each agency's printout to ease the mailing process. Individual mailing envelopes are sent to agencies each month, with a 30-day turnaround timeframe. A signed validation document is returned to the CSO signifying that the validation process has taken place. The State would like to automate this process, as each month; the procedure can take up an entire day's work.</p>
<p>4. Pg 91 B Financial Statements; must vendors disclose any court-ordered payments it is expecting to receive from another vendor?</p>	<p>I "might materially affect the viability or stability of the organization, or state that no such condition is known to exist</p>
<p>5. Pg 92 H Corporate Experience; Does the state consider a mobile controller interfacing to an existing state-level message switch as an adequate state-level message switching experience?</p>	<p>The bidder may submit an explanation of how this would meet the requirement. During the evaluation process a determination will be made.</p>
<p>6. BP-19 "The proposed solution shall utilize sequential message and response return techniques to improve performance and timeliness of information." Can the state clarify this requirement further? Did the state mean non-sequential?</p>	<p>The proposed solution shall utilize a message sequence numbering system with a queue management process prioritizing messages for request and response techniques to improve performance and timeliness of information.</p>

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<p>7. IN-1 Page 69 – We realize that the State requires that the Windows operating system and SQL Server are required for the database applications per requirement AP-17. However, is it the States desire to have all components of the proposed solution to utilize the Windows operating system?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>8. Requirement IN-5: For the purpose of License Cost Reduction, can the Test System, Development System, and Training System be located on a single server?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>9. Requirement IN-5: For the purpose of hardware cost reduction, can the Test System, Development System, training system etc. be located on virtual hardware environments or does the State Desire Stand Alone Servers for each?</p>	<p>Yes to the virtual hardware environment. No to the Stand Alone Servers.</p>
<p>10. Following up on the answer to question 3 of the first round of questions, which states, “The eight (8) year period is a three (3) year warranty period and a five (5) year maintenance period.” The three year warranty period starts at system acceptance. However, the eight year total contract period starts at contract signing. How is the period between contract signing and system acceptance accounted for?</p>	<p>The contract period begins at the time the contract is signed by the State Purchasing Bureau and continues through system acceptance, the warranty and maintenance period.</p> <p>The performance bond will be in effect from the time the contract is signed by the State Purchasing Bureau through system acceptance and the warranty period.</p>
<p>11. Following up on the answer to question 33 of the first round of questions, referring to Page 45 letter e: Is the optional We-based interface with limited teletype capabilities the only user interface expected to be provided under contract? Is the vendor also required to provide a complete featured user interface to replace the existing Omnixx SE workstation software, or will the Omnixx SE workstation software continue to be used?</p>	<p>1.) Web based interface with limited teletype capacities is not the only user interface.</p> <p>2.) The workstation software must work with the environment that is proposed in the RFP.</p>
<p>12. Page 33, Table 6, lists the Number of Stand-alone Terminals, Number of Mobile Terminals, and Number of Metro Terminals. Is it correct that the user interface for Mobile Terminals and Metro Terminals is not part of this procurement, and that the only end user interface for this procurement is for the 157 Stand-alone Terminals?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

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<p>13. Page 39, Section 2.A.ii states a requirement for Development of a Web interface including providing limited Web services under certain conditions as mutually agreed upon by both parties. Are these web services intended to directly support a web browser based user interface or to provide a service (as in Service Oriented Architecture) that is consumed by other computers (such as metro CAD systems)?</p>	<p>Yes to both the web application and the web service.</p>
<p>14. Page 45 Section d.: This section appears to presuppose a “scale-out” architecture where all components are load balanced. Would the NSP consider “a scale-up” architecture based on clustered failover, as long as the vendor can still provide the required performance and business continuity capabilities?</p>	<p>Load Balancing is preferred. The State would also consider failover.</p>
<p>15. Page 48, Section D.2.b: Should pricing for hardware and system software (such as VMWare, Windows Server, and SQL Server) compatible with the State of Nebraska’s Virtualized Environment be included in the response in the base price or as options; or should the vendor state the hardware and system software required that will be provided by the State of Nebraska?</p>	<p>VMWare and Windows Server shall be excluded from the base price. Please include the hardware specifications and costs as well.</p>
<p>16. Page 71 requirement IN-15: In quantitative terms, what is the increase in NBLETS throughput and workload a 8-year period compared to p. 45 Table 17?</p>	<p>Please refer to Table 20 on page 48.</p>