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ADDENDUM TWO

Date: September 16, 2014

To: All Bidders

From: Jason Walters, Buyer
Nebraska State Treasurer's Office

RE: Questions and Answers for Request for Proposal Number NST080414
to be opened October 14, 2014 at 2:00 PM Central Time.

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. Would the State please confirm that a federal savings bank is eligible to submit a bid?</p> <p>Page 5 of the RFP states that "Bidder must be a bank as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-2387(2) having a qualifying office in the State of Nebraska." Nearly identical language is found on page 7 of the RFP, where it states that "Bidder must be a bank as defined in State Statute §77-2387 (2) having a qualifying office in the State of Nebraska[.]"</p>	<p>A capital stock federal savings bank (Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-2387) which has a main chartered office in this state (Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-2387 and Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-2301) is eligible to submit a proposal.</p>

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<p>Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2387(2), the term "bank" means "any state-chartered <u>or federally chartered bank</u> which has a main chartered office in this state, any branch thereof in this state, or any branch in this state of a state-chartered or federally chartered bank which maintained a main chartered office in this state prior to becoming a branch of such state-chartered or federally chartered bank" (emphasis added).</p> <p>A federal savings bank is a federally chartered bank (and is FDIC-insured). Thus, a federal savings would appear to qualify as a "bank" pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2387(2), subject to the other requirements set forth in the definition.</p> <p>However, page 39 of the RFP and Form A.1 of Attachment A indicate that the bidder must be "a state or national bank licensed to do business in the State of Nebraska and of approved standing and responsibility pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-2387(2)."</p> <p>Under federal banking law, "national bank" is a specific term of art that does not include a federally chartered savings bank. However, it does not appear that these references to "state or national bank" were intended to exclude any bank that falls under the definition in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2387(2). Accordingly, we would appreciate it if the State would confirm that a federal savings bank is eligible to submit a bid.</p>	

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<p>2. On page 5 of the RFP, it states that "Bidder must be a bank as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-2387(2) having a qualifying office in the State of Nebraska." Nearly identical language is found on page 7 of the RFP, where it states that "Bidder must be a bank as defined in State Statute §77-2387 (2) having a qualifying office in the State of Nebraska[.]"</p> <p>a) May a bank that does not have a physical office in Nebraska, but which still does business in Nebraska (including offering prepaid cards to Nebraska residents), satisfying the "qualifying office" requirement through correspondents or agents that have physical presences in Nebraska?</p> <p>b) If the bank must have a physical office in Nebraska, would a bank office in Nebraska established to administer the program constitute a "qualifying office" even if the office in Nebraska is not a full branch of the bank?</p> <p>c) Regardless of what constitutes a qualifying office, may a bank that does not presently have such an office still submit a bid, provided that the bank commits to establish a qualifying office if the bank is the successful bidder?</p>	<p>No. See answer to Question #1.</p> <p>No. See answer to Question #1.</p> <p>No.</p>
<p>3. Can the second mandatory qualification that requires the bidder be an authorized issuer of cards be met by a partnering organization/subcontractor?</p>	<p>No, as stated in the RFP the bidder must be a member of Visa or MasterCard and be an authorized issuer of cards for the purposes detailed in this RFP.</p>
<p>4. With respect to the third mandatory qualification regarding 3 years of experience, will the state allow the proposed team of partners to meet this qualification collectively?</p>	<p>No, the bidder must have at least three years' experience in providing a stored value card program with the size like the State of Nebraska's.</p>

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<p>5. Please clarify are paper warrants the negotiable item being delivered to the recipient or is it notification of benefit.</p> <p>Please supply list of countries as outlined in RFP</p>	<p>Warrants are the government equivalent of a personal or business check.</p> <p>Canada, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Mexico, Sweden, and Germany.</p>
<p>6. Please share more details around parolees who return to a foreign county, how their background check is handled per the Patriots Act today?</p>	<p>Parolees or discharged inmates that are returned to a foreign country have occurred in two ways.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Most are returned via Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and may not be issued a release card, but a check. Inmates returning to Mexico may prefer a release card because they have difficulty cashing checks. 2) Some inmates do return to their country via other means when ICE has not placed a hold on them, generally this has been individuals returning to Mexico. Inmates returning to Mexico may prefer a release card because they have difficulty cashing checks.