State Responses to Vendor Questions for

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Questions	Answer
1. The RFP states that the ECIDS system is currently in a minimum viable product (MVP) stage. Can you provide more details on the existing technical architecture, platform, and tools that have been implemented for the MVP?	The heart of ECIDS is a trusted broker architecture, which allows for the sharing of ECE data between internal and external organizations without compromising privacy, security, and interoperability. It enforces access control and privacy throughout the system and abstracts the source systems from data consumers, allowing the system to route the request to the known source without the need for the consumer to directly connect. It only retrieves the authorized data based upon the access privileges of the customer. Azure Integration Runtime provides a secure connection to Azure Data Factory and transitions data from the Data Provider component to the Data Broker. ECIDS employs a staging data lake and medallion architecture which moves the data through a series of standardization, deidentification, and matching steps to prepare it for consumption by visualizations. The Bronze layer mirrors the source system and at a given time the layer has the entire dataset; the Silver layer is used for data standardization, de-duplication, cleansing, enhancing addresses (particularly important for visualizations with strong geographic components), record matching, and the removal of identified information; and the Gold layer moves de-identified data into the ECIDS Data Warehouse. Additional documentation and resources will be shared with the selected vendor.
2. For the strategic planning scope of work, what existing strategic planning documentation for ECIDS can you share to help us understand prior strategic goals and initiatives?	Information about the ECIDS project can be found at https://ecids.nebraska.gov/. Additional documentation and resources will be provided to the selected vendor.
3. Does the State have any preferences or restrictions regarding data governance frameworks, policies, and procedures that should guide the development of the Initial Data Governance Manual?	No.

4. What specific regulations like FERPA and HIPAA will need to be addressed in the data governance policies and training?	FERPA and HIPPA regulations need to be addressed as part of this project. In addition, established agency data privacy and security concerns must also be taken into consideration. https://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/data-security-and-privacy-policies-and-procedures/
5. For the required training materials, what modalities of training does the State prefer (in-person, virtual, self-paced online, etc.)?	Virtual and self-paced online preferred.
6. Can you clarify what you consider to be the official start date of the contract term with respect to the dates listed in Section V.A?	1/15/2024
7. The RFP mentions that extensions may be possible but does not outline terms. Can you describe under what circumstances extensions would be granted and any restrictions?	Circumstances for an extension are discussed in the RFP Section II.B. "NOTIFICATION".
8. For invoicing and payment terms, when is a deliverable considered accepted and eligible for payment if revisions were required?	Deliverable acceptance is discussed in Section V.E. "DELIVERABLE SUBMISSION AND REVIEW".
9. Is there any flexibility in the insurance coverage requirements for a smaller contractor or are all coverages mandatory?	Yes
10. The RFP allows for contacting references and credit checks of the proposing organization. Will you disclose to us any references or credit reporting agencies that you contact?	References and credit checks are discussed in RFP Section I.S. "REFERENCES AND CREDIT CHECKS".