Administrative Office of the Courts

Operations Division

Questions/Responses

No. 3 to the Request for Proposals (RFP) K20-0028-29
Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence Solution

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following questions for the above referenced RFP were received by e-mail and are answered and posted for all prospective Offerors. The statements and interpretations contained in the following responses to questions are not binding on the Maryland Judiciary unless the RFP is expressly amended. Nothing in the Maryland Judiciary's response to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the Maryland Judiciary of any statement or interpretation on the part of the Offeror asking the question.

16. **Question:** Is the intent to award both Phase 1 and Phase 2 to a single vendor initially, with the latter phase subject to the "acceptance of the deliverables associated with Phase 1," or will there be a second RFP for the second Phase? Also, will there be a separate RFP for subsequent phase?

Response: Our intent is one award, assuming satisfactory performance in Phase 1. Phase 2 and beyond will use a task order process against the Contract.

17. Question: Understanding that the Proof-of-Concept is included as a task in Phase 2 of the initiative, would AOC be open to conducting a short POC as part of Phase 1, for a small subset of the data, which would demonstrate the end-to-end architecture and experience including data lineage artifacts and on-going maintenance patterns.

Response: We are open to the best approach offered that drives us to our end goals.

18. Question: Would AOC consider, or prefer, a cloud base or on-premises data warehouse solution?

Response: We do not have a preference - cloud solutions are acceptable.

19. Question: The request is for a data warehouse solution, but can we assume that the AOC would also be interested in a platform that could additionally support non-traditional or tactical

data sources, that might not be modelled fully into the data warehouse, but reside in an adjacent data lake repository for more dynamic reporting and analytics needs.

Response: Yes

20. Question: Is the JIS event data warehouse that is being developed separately leveraging an on-premises SQL Server instance?

Response: Currently developing in Oracle on premise.

21. Question: Is it known if that data warehouse is being implemented using the traditional Kimball style?

Response: It is a dimension warehouse and is fed real-time- no extraction.

22. Question: Is there any desire to have the data warehouse environments maintain some level of consistency whether in the underlying platform, tools (i.e. DBMS / ETL), or modelling styles?

Response: YES, provided it is the optimal solution.

23. Question: Will questions and respective answers be made available to all parties who indicate their intent/interest to respond either explicitly or by nature of submitting questions in regard to this RFP?

Response: Questions and responses will be posted for everyone's viewing.

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