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Questions/Responses No. 1 to the Request for Proposals (RFP) K17-0039-29 Senior Architect – Applications & Integration Architectures

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following questions for the above referenced RFP were received by the procurement officer 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.

1. Question: Does the Judiciary have a requirement for a specific type of electronic media desired? CD or DVD?

Response: No, neither CD or DVD

2. Question: Reference: Paragraph 2.2 - Purpose & Summary; page 12. Entire paragraph 1.1. Is the Sr. Architect to support the design and build of a new SOA architecture to support enterprise systems and applications? If so, is there a migration effort of existing applications associated to new infrastructure? If so, does the Judiciary have requirements that can be shared?

Response: Yes. All solutions require the routing and translation of data between systems using multiple protocols. Web Services using the NIEM standard is preferred.

1.2. Can the JIS provide the additional details on the Roles & Responsibility of the JIS Architect?

Response: Design solutions for new requirements, expand existing architecture if necessary and solve recurring problems with permanent fixes.

3. Question: Reference: Paragraph 2.3.1.4 - Oversee and Guide Development Team/Programming. Page 13. Entire paragraph.

3.1. Would the Judiciary provide details regarding the size and skill make-up of the development team?

Response: The team includes eleven senior developers.

3.2. Would the Judiciary provide additional details regarding the level of development team oversight expected by the Sr. Architect?

Response: All Developers have years of experience with the J2EE technologies and the Judicial / Law Enforcement Domain. Oversight would focus on each proposed solution by coordinating the different implementation efforts.

3.3. Would the Judiciary provide additional details regarding the role and responsibility of the JIS Architect in relation to the oversight of the development team?

Response: Communicate design and implementation standards for solutions. Assist support efforts by articulating how each solution functions within the global framework.

3.4. Is there a Software Development Lifecycle methodology preferred by the JIS Architect for development of applications and that is utilized by the current development team?

Response: Very Agile.

3.5. **Question:** Reference: Paragraph 2.3.1.5 – Testing, Support, Maintenance and Monitoring of the Enterprise Service Bus and J2EE Applications. Page 13. Entire paragraph. For testing and monitoring support frameworks, is the Judiciary open to COTS tools as support frameworks?

Response: Yes.

4. **Question:** Reference: Paragraph 2.4.5.3 – Select One. Page 17. Entire paragraph

Statement: “Select option 1 if there is no immediate requirement for CJIS background check of contractor personnel for this contract. Select option 2 if contractor personnel are required to have a CJIS background check for this contract.”

Response: The contractor is required to obtain a CJIS background check.

5. **Question:** Reference: Standard Contract Agreement – Consideration of Payment. Paragraph 3.2. Page 28. Entire paragraph.

It is the Offeror’s understanding that the resulting contract will be Time and Materials for which the deliverable is satisfactory performance of the duties and tasks for the time attested to on the timesheet. However, this paragraph references that the successful Offeror must invoice after deliverables are submitted and accepted. The Offeror did not find a deliverable list in the RFP with associated deliverable dates.

Response: Deliverables change constantly based on demands. Daily work logs in the group’s Task Managing System will document the deliverables for invoicing.

7. **Question:** Does the Judiciary plan to provide the Offeror’s with a deliverables list?

Response: No

8. Question: I am currently working on the Sr. Architect-Application & Integration position for the State of MD. Are H1B and Green Cards acceptable to submit, or are you only looking for US Citizens?

Response: Resources must be able to legally work in the United States at the time of award and throughout the length of the contract.

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