

## TranSWIFT (Mn/DOT's MAPS Replacement Project)

### Questions and Answers

1. Are there functional requirements that can be currently shared for proper response to this RFP?

Each system that needs modification has its own set of unique functional requirements. The successful applicants will be working with key business people and programmers that know each system thoroughly and will be given an orientation to each system they are asked to work on. We are looking for skilled workers who can augment our current staff for a limited engagement.

2. As for the multiple applications and systems currently that need migration, is there a current physical and logical design of these systems that can be shared for proper response to this RFP?

There are physical and logical data models for each of the systems that need to be modified. Again, the respondents need to focus on what skills they can provide to augment staff.

3. Are the only primary systems that have been currently identified to be upgraded for the MNDoT system pertain to Oracle database with Crystal Reports as the reporting tool? Is there a chance there be a need to migrate or update other database technology (i.e. – DB2, mainframe, SQL Server, etc. (not referring for database connectivity – but actual upgrading those database systems for software support and system compliance)) and reporting tools (Informatica, OBIEE, Cognos, etc.)? If there is, has this been scoped out within this RFP?

The primary systems are Oracle database and Oracle Forms. They will not be migrated to another database technology but will be migrated to Oracle's WebLogic 11G. The current reporting tool for these applications will be Crystal Reports 2008. While the agency is beginning to implement OBIEE, the application reporting will continue to use Crystal Reports for the near future. OBIEE reporting will not be in scope for this RFP.

4. When referring to "Business Objects Enterprise web server", is this a COTS product or is this a custom designed business objects enterprise (BOE) web server? Who is the manufacturer of this product if it is a COTS product? If it is a custom designed business object enterprise web server, what is the prevailing technology for web server hosting (Apache, IIS, etc.)? We are assuming that if it is a custom designed business object enterprise web server that the web server tier and the BOE tier are separate. Is this assumption correct?

Business Objects Enterprise is a COTS product currently owned by SAP and uses the standard out of the box technology to provide a repository and access to Crystal Reports.

5. Per requirement of informal training and handoff of system to key MNDoT staff, if it is identified that formal training is needed, is this scoped within this RFP?

Formal training is not in the RFP. The expectation is that modifications will be properly documented and knowledge properly transferred so that Mn/DOT staff can maintain and support the systems.

6. If any functional requirements that can be currently shared for proper response to this RFP, can you place detailed information pertaining to business rules, data requirements, etc. that are needed to be modified? If possible, can this be listed in a functional requirement matrix form within an excel spreadsheet? If question 6 needs to be worked as part of the requirement of the selected vendor within the RFP, please ignore this question and do not post.

The modifications will be to apply the new accounting rules and new code block to the existing systems. The functionality will not change beyond the impact of what the new accounting rules might affect.

7. What version of Oracle Forms is being used by the current application layer? Oracle 10GR2.

We will be migrating to Oracle's WebLogic 11G at this time.

8. Does the existing application layer use single sign-on (SSO)?

No

9. What is the current Oracle Database version?

Oracle 9i which also will be upgraded to 11G

10. Please confirm that the scope of this project is to migrate from the existing version of Oracle Forms to Oracle Forms 11g running on Oracle WebLogic Server 11g and not to port from Oracle Forms to another technology such as Java running on Oracle WebLogic Server 11g.

Correct. We will continue to use Oracle Forms for these applications at this time.

11. Page 1 item 1.2 states that "all work must be completed on site at the Mn/DOT Central Office in St.Paul, MN". Will MN/DOT consider a combination of on-site/off-site resources where some resources are on-site and some are performing work remotely?

As stated all work must be completed onsite.

12. Our understanding is that we would need to submit at least two individuals to complete the work but no more than three – is this correct? (1.1.2 – The Selected Responder will provide up to three individuals; 2.3 – [The selected responder will] Due to the expeditious requirements, assign more than one person to satisfy SOW)

Yes.

13. Given that Monday, October 11 is a federal holiday and answers will not be posted until Friday, October 8, is there a possibility that the Wednesday, October 13 due date can be extended?

We prefer to keep the due date as established.

14. What is the current version of Oracle Forms and the database currently being used?

Oracle Forms version is 10GR2. The database is 9i.

15. Oracle WebLogic Suite 11G is a new product. Can we assume that 5 years of experience is not required but that actual experience with this product is required?

Yes

16. What is the preferred tool for integration?

Oracle flat files and/or XML, depending on performance and data volume

17. Has Mn/DOT identified the applications to be replaced and the applications to be integrated? If so, can you provide this information?

Applications are being modified, not replaced. We will have a need to get financial data tables from PropleSoft for editing and accounting rules, but they will not be integrated into another system. We will then be modifying these applications to use the new data sets. There are 4 somewhat complex Oracle applications that were developed in-house that need these modifications.

18. Please confirm whether selected vendor will be paid on an hourly basis for services provided under this contract, based on MnDOT approved contractor time sheets, or if selected vendor will be paid based on completed/signed-off deliverables.

This is a staff augmentation contract. Vendor will be paid on an hourly basis.

19. The SOW states that selected vendor will provide up to three individuals. Please confirm the exact number resources MnDOT expects awarded vendor to provide.

It will depend on the skill sets the vendor supplies.

20. Is there an incumbent vendor/resource currently providing the services outlined in this SOW? If yes, can you please provide the name of the incumbent vendor/resource?

No there is not an incumbent vendor/resource.

21. Please confirm that anticipated duration for which all the staff augmentation resource(s) will be needed is from contract execution date thru March 30, 2012.

The end date may vary depending on the skills of the consultant and the completion of work.

22. Please confirm that anticipated utilization of selected resource(s) will be full-time 40 hours per week (excluding State holidays) for the duration of the contract. If no, please provide anticipated utilization.

It is our intention to hire the consultants at 40 hours per week. However, if the skill sets are narrow for a particular consultant, the need for that type of skill set may be limited.

**Mn/DOT expects there will be interruptions in the work throughout the contract.**

23. What is the anticipated daily work schedule for selected vendor resource(s) (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday)?

That is our general business hours. The hours can be varied somewhat.

24. Does MnDOT anticipate that selected resource(s) will be expected to perform any off-hours or weekend work under the scope of this SOW?

It is possible that, when we get close to the implementation date, we may need to ask for additional hours on nights and/or weekends.

25. Please confirm that MnDOT will provide selected resource(s) with work space, and all necessary hardware/software and laptop/desktop computer to perform the responsibilities outlined in this SOW.

Yes, it will be Mn/DOT's responsibility to provide a work environment.

26. Please confirm how many copies of cost proposal vendors should submit.

One.

27. Please confirm that MnDOT expectation is that selected vendor resource(s) will be working 100% on-site at MnDOT facility located at 395 John Ireland Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155.

Yes, as stated all work must be completed onsite.

28. Please confirm that the MnDOT Project Manager will be responsible for assigning and directing selected resources' work tasks.

Mn/DOT's project manager will be providing overall direction. The consultant resources will be working with Mn/DOT programmers and may be taking daily task assignments from that programmer for an application

29. Is it MnDOT intent to make contract award to a single vendor to perform the work tasks described in this SOW, or will MnDOT consider making awards to multiple vendors.

Mn/DOT will consider multiple vendors, depending on the skill sets offered.

30. What is the dollar amount MnDOT has budgeted for this SOW?

Approximately \$1.5 million

31. Does MnDOT expect each vendor resource to meet all minimum required skills, or only that the assigned team collectively meets all minimum required skills?

If the assigned team meets all the required skills, and not each one individually has the skill sets, some of the team may not be employed full time.

32. Does MnDOT require vendor resources to have .NET programming experience, or just experience working in a .NET framework environment?

As we migrate the Crystal Reports to version 2008 using the Business Objects Enterprise XI 3.1 (version 12), we will be changing our web access pages from .asp to .NET. We prefer having experience to assist with this effort.