

Responses to Questions for LDS 2 SLEDS Warehouse SOW

No	Questions
1.	<p>Please confirm that MDE will provide selected vendor resources with the necessary workspace, hardware, software, and desktop/laptop computer to perform the duties outlined in this SOW.</p> <p>Vendors who work on site will be provided necessary work space and equipment.</p>
2.	<p>Please confirm what information is required for each candidate reference (phone number, email id, physical address, etc.)</p> <p>We need sufficient information to understand the type of team you are putting together for this project.</p>
3.	<p>Is there an incumbent vendor who has previously been providing these services to MDE?</p> <p>There is no incumbent vendor,</p>
4.	<p>Will selected vendor resources be required to perform off-hours, on-call support work?</p> <p>We do not anticipate off hours or support work.</p>
5.	<p>What is the anticipated daily work schedule for selected vendor resources (8AM to 5PM, Monday thru Friday)?</p> <p>Yes.</p>
6.	<p>Please confirm whether selected vendor will be paid on an hourly basis for services provided under awarded contract, based on MDE approved resource timesheet, or if selected vendor will be paid based on completed/signed-off deliverables.</p> <p>This is a time and materials contract and we will likely use a blended rate based on the individuals proposed for the team.</p>
7.	<p>Does MDE have a predetermined/allocated budget (either hourly billing rate or total project cost) for these positions?</p> <p>If yes, can you please share the budgeted amount? We have approximately 1 Million reserved in the grant for this effort. We will be contracting accordingly with vendors for services towards this project.</p>
8.	<p>Please confirm if MDE intends to make a single contract award to one vendor for this SOW, or if MDE intends to make multiple contract awards.</p> <p>We intend to make a single award.</p>
9.	<p>When does MDE need the different selected vendor resources to start on the project?</p> <p>We are anticipating a start date after the first of the year. We can negotiate when selected individuals on the team will be needed based on the scope of the work.</p>
10.	<p>Please confirm that all selected vendor resources will be working 100% of their time on the project at MDE offices located at 1500 Highway 36, Roseville, MN 55113.</p>

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	<p>We anticipate that most work will be performed on site.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Please confirm that the MDE Project Manager will be responsible for assigning and directing selected resources' work tasks.</p> <p>We expect the vendor to supply a project manager who will work in tandem with the MDE project manager. The vendor project manager will be responsible for directing the work of the team.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Initially the SOW states vendors are allowed to submit up to two resumes in each of the following categories –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Database Design / Architect 2. Data Warehouse 3. Desktop Application Design and Development <p>Then under “Response Requirements” the SOW states resumes of no more that three candidates will be accepted.</p> <p>Please confirm if vendors are allowed to submit up to six resumes, two for each of the three categories? Or a total of three resumes, one resume for each of the three categories?</p> <p>That was an error. You can submit resumes equivalent to 4FTEs for the team.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Considering the SOW states needing approximately four resources, could you please confirm how many of each of the following skill sets this project will require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Database Design / Architect 2. Data Warehouse 3. Desktop Application Design and Development <p>It is up to the vendor to propose a team.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Please confirm the following requirements are correct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Database Design / Arch <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5yrs BI / PM experience 2. Familiar with some of the Data Sources 3. 5yrs of MS SQL Database experience 4. 5yrs of Data modeling and Analyst tools 5. 5yrs of Warehouse Data modeling experience using the “Kimball” approach 6. 5yrs implementing applications based on SQL in stored procedures creation of views - Data Warehouse <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5yrs MS SQL Server Database experience 2. 5yrs MS SSIS experience 3. 5yrs of Warehouse Data modeling experience using the “Kimball” approach 4. 5yrs of Data modeling and Analyst tools - Desktop App Design and Dev / 5yrs experience in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J2EE, J3EE Dev 2. Object Oriented App programming

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	<p>3. MS SQL Server 4. XML 5. Subversion</p> <p>Correct</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Can MDE give an estimated breakdown of when and how long it may need each resource:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Database Design / Arch (example: 12/27 – 5/11) 2. Data Warehouse 3. Desktop App Design and Dev <p>Those details will be worked out by the team but you can anticipate that the architecture work will be needed first followed by developers to execute warehouse designs.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Can MDE confirm whether it is required that both developer candidates have experience with Java/J2EE development and Data Modeling, or if it is only required that between the two resources all minimum skill requirements are met.</p> <p>Skill requirements may be met across all resources.</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>1) The objective of the SOW is to find “ a single vendor to supply an experienced team...to design, develop, and implement an interagency data warehouse.” The experienced team it appears MDE is looking for includes everything from project management and stakeholder facilitation, coaching MDE resources, and a data warehousing methodology through and including the actual technical work of designing, developing, and implementing a data warehouse. Can you clarify how our team’s experience and expertise (e.g. our methodology and our collective clients and experiences) will be part of the evaluation process as opposed to or in addition to the evaluation of individual resources?</p> <p>The evaluation criteria below will be adjusted to reflect the entire team presented and not just individual resumes. Your response will be scored as a total package not resume by resume.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of candidates (35%) • Communication Skills (10%) • Three References (5%) • Desired skills (20%) • Cost (30%)