

MSRS COBOL Programmer SOW

Additional Vendor Questions/Answers

No	Questions
1.	<p>If a resource has prior experience with MSRS IT systems, will MSRS permit a resource to work remotely? Prefer on-site, but at a minimum we require a majority of time on-site. At least 80%</p> <p>Our resource would be willing to come onsite on occasion as needed by MSRS?</p>
2.	<p>Many of our Senior IBM MF resources have all the required skills, but may have worked on different versions of the IBM A/OS software.</p> <p>(Should be Z/OS; This was my typo)</p> <p>Will MSRS reject candidates that may have worked on different versions other than 4.1.6?</p> <p>We will not reject candidates that may have worked on different version other than 4.1.6.</p>
3.	<p>Is MSRS seeking vendors to provide a solution on how the vendor would approach reverse engineering this legacy COBOL programs? No</p> <p>Does MSRS only want to review resumes along with information stated in the Response Content section? We want resumes to include experience.</p>
4.	<p>Would MSRS categorize this SOW as being IT Staff Augmentation services OR Is MSRS seeking to partner with a firm that has the core competency of reverse re-engineering legacy cobol sytesms and IBM Mainframe systems maintenance services?</p> <p>MSRS is looking for staff augmentation.</p>
5.	<p>How many resumes can a vendor propose per opening for this SOW?</p> <p>No more than 3 candidates per vendor.</p>
6.	<p>If we have a resource that was a former employee of MSRS, is that resource permitted to come back and service MSRS as a consultant under this SOW? Yes</p>
7.	<p>Will MSRS permit vendors to submit electronic responses? No</p>

The following were originally posted on 1/19/2012:

1. The SOW states that the applicant must possess advanced knowledge and skill with Enterprise COBOL for IMB A/OS version 4.1.6. Please verify.
 - a. No. That is a typo. It should read IBM Z/OS version 4.1.6.
2. Would your agency allow for the work to be done from the vendor's location out state?
 - a. No. The work requires the programmers to be on-site at our St. Paul location.
3. Can you clarify the hourly rate for the programmers?

- a. The hourly rate per programmer is \$80 per hour.
4. Please clarify what the State is looking for in the Transmittal Letter.
 - a. We look for the transmittal letter/cover letter as an acknowledgement that the product, proposal or information about the product/service and cost provided to MSRS has been approved by an authorized company officer. Only one copy signed in ink is required.
5. Are systems online, batch or both?
 - a. We have both batch and online systems but this SOW only requires batch work.
6. Are there online screens: If so, what is used for them: CICS?
 - a. There will be no online work required.
7. Are you using any middleware? If so, what?
 - a. We do not use any middleware for batch.
8. The SOW states that “the State may split award this contract between two vendors.” This leads us to believe this is a request for two individual consultants on an hourly time and materials based contract. Yet, in the Cost Proposal section, you mention “licensing costs, professional services, support maintenance costs for 5 years, including any warranty” and that “additional categories may be added at your discretion”. If our quote includes these additional categories, how will you split this award between two vendors? Can you clarify what exactly you are looking for in the cost proposal section? Are you looking for simply an all-inclusive hourly rate for each consultant?
 - a. MSRS offered the possibility of a split award because we intend to choose the two best resources from the pool offered.
 - b. Licensing costs, professional services, warranty and additional categories language is “template” language that should be ignored. Cost requirements are limited to hourly rates.
9. Under the “Cost proposal” section, you request we “provide a breakdown compensation for services and travel expenses” yet under the General Requirements” section, you state that MMSRS will not compensate for travel or subsistence expenses”. Which are you looking for – an itemized rate showing expenses or an all-inclusive hourly rate for services?
 - a. Template language for services and travel expenses was inadvertently included. Please ignore. This award DOES NOT include any travel expenses.
10. A potential candidate requires travel status Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. Is it possible to modify the schedule to accommodate this?
 - a. MSRS provides flexible work schedules and we can work with this.