



Brazos River Authority

January 19, 2022

Addendum No. 1
INSERT TITLE OF SOLICITATION
RFP No. 22-12-1250

It is the responsibility of the Respondent to assure and guarantee by acknowledging the receipt of this Addendum in the Proposal that the Respondent has received the Addendum in its entirety, and that the Respondent accepts all conditions contained herein.

Question 1:

What current platform is in place at this time?

Answer 1:

Current platform in place now is BlackBoard Connect.

Question 2:

What challenges are you running into and trying to correct?

Answer 2:

No challenges at this time.

Question 3:

For this solution, are there any preferred languages for development?

Answer 3:

The BRA does not have a preferred language.

Question 4:

Where will this solution be hosted, on premise or in the cloud?

Answer 4:

The solution is expected to be cloud based.

Question 5:

About the layout and import, we need to import groups, users, and contacts, we need to see this layout for import. What format would the data be imported from?

Answer 5:

The format will be discussed at the time of NTP for the project.

Question 6:

What is the frequency of communications, how often different types of communications are used, what times are notifications usually sent?

Answer 6:

The frequency, types and times of the communications vary based on situational events.

Question 7:

Do we need to enable multifactor authentication?

Answer 7:

Multifactor authentication not required.

Question 8:

After reviewing the RFP and its attachments, we found some of the terms and conditions in the Service Provider Contract to be either not applicable for our proposed software and services or inconsistent with our commercial business practices. Consequently, the incorporation of such terms and conditions may not truly reflect the scope of the relationship, resulting software, and/or services. If awarded the business pursuant to this RFP, is it possible to negotiate from our current Master Services Agreement and incorporating any terms and conditions as required by state law?

Answer 8:

The selected Respondent will be expected to execute the BRA's standard contract form, but if there are terms that a Respondent believes conflict with the services to be provided or terms that a Respondent believes should be included and are not, the Respondent may include this information in their proposal for BRA's consideration. However, BRA reserves the right to accept or reject any proposed modifications and Respondent should not base a proposal on an expectation that BRA will modify its contract terms.

Question 9:

Does the Authority have a date they need the system to go live by?

Answer 9:

The system would need to be in place by July 31, 2022. In no event shall there be interruption between existing service and any potential impending service.

Question 10:

Could the Authority share the existing Vendor and the format they current hold the data for Authority in?

Answer 10:

Existing vendor is BlackBoard Connect.

Question 11:

Does the Authority know how many current Users it has and how many messages are sent either Per Year or Per Month?

Answer 11:

Current number of Users is estimated at 4500.

Question 12:

Is the cost percentage for the RFP 45% correct?

Answer 12:

The scoring matrix for the cost portion of submissions is correct.

Question 13:

You indicated an estimated number of users at 4500 and administrative users at 250. Our pricing is based on the number of recipients Brazos is planning to send messages to. Please provide this number.

Answer 13:

Estimated number of recipients is 4500.

Question 14:

Vendor Compliance to State Law: A. Non-resident vendors in..... (give state), our principal place of business, are required to be..... percent lower than resident bidders by state law. A copy of the statute is attached.

My question is this , what is the % we need to be lower than resident bidders, and I cannot find the statute you indicated it attached.

Answer 14:

Please consult your own Legal Department regarding State Statutes your agency is required to follow. Your submission shall include the State Statute of the Non-Resident bidder.

Question 15:

Under this section there is the “Tier Amount” and the “Proposed Amount”.

Please explain the difference between the Tier Amount and the Proposed Amount and what you would like to see from respondents.

Answer 15:

Tier amount is the amount proposed for usage of the system. Proposed amount is the cost for the tier amount usage.

Question 16:

Are you able to share howmuch your spending with your current vendor?

Answer 16:

Not available at this time.

Question 17:

Is the solution exclusive to Brazos River Authority?

Answer 17:

Solution is not exclusive to the BRA.

Question 18:

What the likes/dislikes of your current solution?

Answer 18:

User friendly, convenient, affordability.

Sincerely,

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