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In conjunction with Request for Information (RFI) #19221, Portland State University (PSU) invited vendors to submit written questions about the University's acquisition of an Enterprise Research and Administration Solution. Below, are responses to the vendor questions that were received.

Question #1:

We need clarification regarding Item #3 and Item #4 in the mandatory requirements section. Item #3 indicates that a vendor must have a track record of successfully deploying the proposed solution in a production environment. Currently, we do not have any institutions that have all of the modules in production. However, our firm is currently working with a university on a multi-year implementation of the solution. With respect to Item #4, my firm does not have a demonstrated strategy for integrating the proposed solution with Banner®. Will our firm be eliminated from consideration if it is not able to meet such mandatory requirements (Item #3 and Item #4)?

Response to Question #1:

PSU will determine whether a vendor's proposed solution satisfies the mandatory requirements when it receives an official RFI response from the vendor. No such determination will be made in advance of the receipt of an official RFI response. A vendor solution that does not meet the mandatory requirements will not receive further consideration.

Question #2:

Will PSU extend the deadline for RFI responses by one week?

Response to Question #2:

Regretfully, PSU is not in a position to extend the deadline by one week. The University understands that vendors have limited time to prepare their RFI responses. Accordingly, PSU will be as open-minded as possible about the breadth and depth of material within vendors' submittals.

Question #3:

Does PSU seek a single vendor solution that covers all functionality listed, or will it consider a solution that uses modules from more than one vendor?

Response to Question #3:

PSU's preference is for a solution from a single vendor, or at least cross-licensing among vendors. However, the University will consider a solution that uses modules from more than one vendor. The vendor, in such cases, is encouraged to explain how potentially disparate modules comprise a relatively seamless technical and functional solution.

Question #4:

There is reference in 7.b to "a document management system." Is there a currently installed system? If so, who is the vendor, and can general information about its integration capabilities be shared?

Response to Question #4:

PSU is currently transitioning from Hershey Singularity® to Hyland OnBase®. As part of such a transition, the University is revisiting its arrangements for Banner® integration. At the moment, no definitive information is available on the links that will be developed.

Question #5:

To what extent does PSU intend to commit internal IT resources to the completion of Banner integrations?

Response to Question #5:

The extent to which PSU commits internal IT resources will require a number of discussions. For example, depending upon the vendor solution that is provided, more or less technical work might be required by PSU. As another example, the cost/benefit of various technical efforts (e.g., programming) needs to be weighed. In any event, it is not the University's intent to undertake a major development project that involves customizations.

Question #6:

What versions of Banner® HR and Banner® Finance are installed?

Response to Question #6:

Currently, Banner® HR Version 8.5 (with Version 8.6.1 W2 patches) and Banner® Finance Version 8.6 (with Self-Service Version 8.5) are in production.

Question #7:

*What is PSU's research revenue amount from competitive federal grants for the previous fiscal year?
What is the research revenue amount for all sponsored research, federal and non-federal?*

Response to Question #7:

For a variety of reasons, PSU reports expenditures rather than revenues. In the fiscal year 2010 - 2011, PSU's research expenditures from competitive federal grants were approximately \$49,991,237. Overall (i.e., federal and non-federal), in the fiscal year 2010 - 2011, PSU's research expenditures from competitive grants were approximately \$64,854,329.