

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS
Request for Information (RFI) # 3150002721
PARENT LOCATE/FIDM/IDEC SERVICES

Question #1: Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this? (like, from India or Canada)

Answer #1: As stewards of personal data, we do not plan to send millions of participants' personal identifiable data overseas as a safe and secure method to achieve our goals.

Question #2: Whether we need to come over there for meetings?

Answer #2: The contractor would be expected to attend the States' board meetings twice each year.

Question #3: Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA? (like, from India or Canada)

Answer #3: Refer back to question #1 above.

Question #4: Can we submit the proposals via email?

Answer #4: Yes. See page 4, 6.2.1 of the RFI.

Question #5: What is the estimated cost of the Parent Locate and Financial Institution Data Matching (FIDM) project?

Answer #5: Future cost structures are yet to be determined and will be based on vendor responses through the RFP process.

Question #6: Has the Department allocated funding for the Parent Locate and Financial Institution Data Matching (FIDM) solution yet? If so, through which source (budget, CIP, state/federal grant, etc.)?

Answer #6: Sufficient funding is available - short and long term.

Question #7: How is the Department currently meeting this need?

Answer #7: The Department has a contractual agreement with a current vendor.

Question #8: Which vendor provides the incumbent Parent Locate and Financial Institution Data Matching (FIDM) solution?

Answer #8: The Department is currently contracting with a premier vendor.

Question #9: Would it be possible to name the three greatest challenges the Department is having with their current solution?

Answer #9: The Department has no identifiable challenges at present.

Question #10: Should the Department decide to proceed past the RFI process, has a time frame been established in which an RFP may be issued?

Answer #10: The Department has not defined a time frame other than near future.

Question #11: Which operating platform does the Department currently use?

Answer #11: We utilized a vendor who operates their own platform(s).

Question #12: Which other systems will have to integrate/interface with the Parent Locate and Financial Institution Data Matching (FIDM), and will the State provide incumbent vendors for each system?

Answer #12: The selected vendor will be required to provide system integration and interface. No Incumbent vendors are provided.

Question #13: Can the Department elaborate on any additional drivers behind this acquisition that may not be addressed in the RFI?

Answer #13: The Department is mandated by Federal and State law(s) which drive the initiative.

Question #14: Have you had any external assistance preparing this RFI?

Answer #14: All RFI's are created and distributed by the Department.

Question #15: Are there any addition documents for this RFI?

Answer #15: There are no additional documents for this RFI. All information relative to the RFI is included in the advertised document.

Question #16: We are interested to learn more about the RFI.

Answer #16: All Information relative to the RFI is included in the advertised document.

Question #17: I didn't see the documentation on the requirements for the RFI response. Have the documentation been uploaded?

Answer #17: Documentation on the requirements for the RFI response is advertised on mdhs.ms.gov website. Information is listed in this link: <https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/request-for-information-rfi-2/>

Question #18: Would the state be receptive to RFI responses from vendors who can meet a portion of the requirements but not all of the requirements outlined in the RFI?

Answer #18: We are looking for vendors to respond to all of the questions whether they can perform all of the requirements or not.

Question #19: At the time of contracting, would the state consider awards to multiple vendors to meet the respective capabilities?

Answer #19: At this time, we are simply requesting information and are not at the contracting stage. If MDHS decides to issue an RFP and enter the contracting stage, we will make this decision at that time.

THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK