

## Questions and Answers 2017-01-06 Batch

1. Section 2.08 of the RFP states, “1. Offerors must have a minimum experience with one or more successful conversions of an ADABAS/NATURAL Mainframe based system to a MS SQL/.NET based system hosted on Windows servers. “ Given that any past project of that type will almost by definition have had to use an obsolete version of the .NET framework, simply due to the pace of version changes at Microsoft, the value of a specific Natural to .NET reference seems small. Would the State consider making this part of the evaluation of offeror capability and experience, rather than limiting competition by making this a minimum mandatory requirement?

**ANSWER: No. We understand that offerors may have used (what are now) obsolete versions of .Net, but it is still a minimum requirement that they must meet. It is assumed that the conversion tools will have been updated to reflect .Net upgrades.**

2. Section 2.08 of the RFP states, “1. Offerors must have a minimum experience with one or more successful conversions of an ADABAS/NATURAL Mainframe based system to a MS SQL/.NET based system hosted on Windows servers. “ We believe that at least one potential offeror would claim to meet this requirement by translating Natural code word for word to Java, and then translating the Java word for word to .NET — thereby creating a doubly unmaintainable solution. Please clarify whether a project that involved translating Natural to Java and then translating Java to a .NET language would meet this requirement.

**ANSWER: The end result is to have a .Net solution. How the offeror arrives at that goal is not critical as long as the end result is a viable and maintainable product, accomplished within the given constraints of the RFP.**

3. Section 1.17 states, “By signature on the proposal, offerors certify that they comply with the following: ...(d) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued there under by the federal government; ... “ Please confirm that this requires products and services delivered under this contract comply with the ADA and Section 508 regarding support for users with disabilities (screen readers, fonts, colors, etc.).

**ANSWER: The ADA reference is directed towards the conversion project and project team itself, and not towards the end product.**

4. Section 5.01 states that the contractor must “Ensure all work related to the migration of customer data from the NSTAR system will be performed on-site in support of security policies. “ We understand that the customer data migration must be performed on-site; does the State require that the programming work be done on-site also, or would it be acceptable to have some workers on-site and some off-site?

**ANSWER: The programming and testing for the data conversion may be done partially off-site. However, the actual conversion of production data must be accomplished on-site.**

5. Please confirm that the State requires delivery of all source code for the newly converted system, including source code for any Application Program Interface (API) called by the converted code. It is customary for automated line-by-line conversion software to make use of

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such an API; for example, the Natural HISTOGRAM will be implemented in such an API and will be called by the converted programs in a manner similar to \_HISTOGRAM (parameters). If the State does not have the source code to the API, it will be impossible for the State to debug certain classes of performance problems, and the State will be unable to re-compile the API for use under the next version(s) of Microsoft Windows and/or SQL Server.

**ANSWER: It is expected that all source code will be delivered including any APIs employed.**

6. Please identify the type of Visual Studio project (e.g., [ASP.NET](#) MVC, Winforms, Webforms, etc.) required by the State.

**ANSWER: ASP.NET MVC for web and batch programs. We assume the hardware and software requirements for the replatformed system will include a batch scheduler application.**