

STATE OF ALASKA

Request for Information (RFI)



Department of Public Safety
Division of Administrative Services

Public Safety Law Enforcement System Amendment Two July 22, 2020

Amendment Two serves to answer questions received, recognize the extended deadline, and recognize attachments referenced in the RFI.

Deadline Extension & Attachments

- Recognize the deadline is changed. The deadline is Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Alaska Time.
- Recognize the following attachments (attached separately):
 - NICS Interface Control Document Appendix F
 - Appendix D – Glossary
 - Appendix 10 – NICS Indices
 - APSIN Law Enforcement Agency Interface

Questions and Answers

Question 1: (RFI Section 5.2, 6.31) Can Client provide the Interface Control Document (ICD) for the CCH-ABIS Interface?

Answer: DPS does not have a succinct ICD for the interfaces between CCH and ABIS. DPS developed the interfaces over many years according to standard requirements from the FBI (III, NFF, etc.), WIN (Western Identification Network), and the WIN EBTS (Electronic Bio-metric Transmission Specification). DPS will modify ABIS applications to accommodate the vendor's interface specifications during phase 3 of the project.

Question 2: (3.05) Can Client provide the application specification for the disposition information sent from Alaska Court System to CCH?

Answer: There is not currently an automated process for disposition entry. The project to replace APSIN will likely collaborate with Alaska Court System and the vendor to make the best fit possible based on the capabilities of the vendors' CCH application.

Question 3: (3.1c) For the requested environments, do they have a predefined process for how to integrate and keep in-sync the three environments?

Answer: No, we expect this to function differently depending on the vendors proposed implementation. The proposal should include options for synchronization and identify the party/parties responsible for synchronization.

Question 4: (4) What are the desired items for completion at the end of phase 1(4.1), phase 2(4.2) and phase 3(4.3)?

Answer: The phases in section 4 were proposed as one possible way to split up this project into discrete units of work for the purposes of funding. DPS is open to alternative plans with different milestones but each phases scope and timeline should be constrained to a 12-24 month period. The end of each phase must result in a fully functional production, test and/or training environment. This may include new CJIS compliant servers, databases, hosting, backups/storage, network tunnels, etc. such that the state's existing message switch is fully operational through the new switch.

4.1 - New Statewide Message Switch in production.

4.2 - Secure Messaging in production with users and agencies configured.

4.3 - CCH, SOR, and Hotfiles in production.

Question 5: (4.2.1) At the end of phase 2, will the transaction be sent in from State Agencies (Courts, DMV, Corrections, etc.) using the secured messaging component, be required to be reformatted in a PAT compliant format before sending to PAT?

Answer: The secure messaging component will not be able to communicate directly with the PAT switch or any legacy DPS systems. Only legacy messages (such as the LEI) intended for APSIN need to be reformatted (by the SMS itself) for PAT; these messages are passed through to PAT as-is, as described in Phase 1 (4.1.1).

Question 6: (5.1) At the conclusion of phase 3 will there be transactions sent directly to the mainframe (ServiceLayer) outside of the SMS?

Answer: No.

Question 7: (4.3.1) What is the state of APSIN (CAD, AABIS, ARMS, traCS) after phase 3?

Answer: APSIN - Decommissioned.

AABIS - Integrates directly with the new switch and new repositories. We may integrate additional COTS systems or custom interface with the new switch for the purposes of NFF participation or ABIS functionality.

ARMS - This system will require a real-time feed of new, modified, or merged person information from CCH (SID and demographics). This system does not currently connect to the PAT switch to integrate with Nlets/NCIC/III - users will be consulted about integration with the new switch.

TraCS - Undetermined; this system does not currently integrate with APSIN or the PAT switch.

Question 8: (5.2) Please confirm that when a Person Record is created in DMV and is sent to CCH, if the record doesn't find a match in CCH based on the name and DOB, the record will be established in CCH as a temporary record without a SID# until the subject is arrested and assigned a SID#.

Answer: The matching criteria is more complex than described in the question above, and the record will be established in CCH with a SID.

Question 9: (3.14 & 6.2) Can the State provide documentation for the communications protocol used by LEI? i.e. re the licensed TCP/IP client/server package from Pacific Applied Technology.

Answer: DPS does not have this information available currently. PAT has specifications available for the TCP/IP interface which will be made available during the project.

Question 10: (5.1) What are the options for communicating directly to APSIN when the existing SMS is decommissioned at project completion?

Answer: Legacy APSIN will be decommissioned with the old switch at project completion.

Question 11: (3.3) How many end-user clients will you be needing. Not full CCH or SOR, but at least NCIC/APSIN Queries.

Answer: 3,500

Question 12: (3.3, 5.2(4)) Are they expecting a UI for Hot Files?

Answer: Yes, in addition to message switch operations for maintaining hot files; see RFI section 3.3.a which requires that the entire solution has a unified GUI.

Question 13: The RFI past experience requirements are quite restrictive, effectively limiting compliant responses to just one potential vendor in this industry. Is DPS open to receiving responses from other vendors with significant experience in this field?...It might be beneficial for DPS to consider

gathering information from the other providers in the field, both as a means of creating an effective RFP to procure the best solution for Alaska, and by increasing competitive bidding to ensure good value for its money.

Answer: Yes, DPS is open to receiving responses from other vendors with significant experience in the field and will review all responses.



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End of Amendment Two