

# STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Support Services



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) 2025-1000-0026 AS NEEDED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) - ARCGIS HUB AND DATA SERVICES

### ADDENDUM TWO

ISSUED JULY 12, 2024

This addendum serves to answer questions from vendors.

**Important Note to Offerors:** You are required to sign and return this page of the addendum document with your proposal. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of your proposal. Only the RFP terms and conditions referenced in this addendum are being changed. All other terms and conditions of the RFP remain the same. This Addendum is hereby made part of the RFP and is a total of six pages.

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## QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY OFFERORS AND ANSWER FROM THE STATE

**Question 1:** *Could you specify which datasets you desire to view in 3D?*

**Answer 1:** This geospatial database and hub site's intent is to be primarily a 2D data exploration tool. The data, however identified in phase 1 (assessment and design phase) is to have a 3-dimensional component and shall be capable of viewing and leveraged as an ESRI Scene Layer and or 3D web application.

**Question 2:** *In Section 3.03, 'Deliverables', could you please clarify the alignment of deliverables with the phases (1-2a, 2b, 3) as outlined in Section 3.01? For instance, the Hub Site and System documentation are listed under Phase 3. Could you confirm if this refers to Phase 2B and not the optional Phase 3 task?*

**Answer 2:** The numeric number of paragraphs is not directly aligned with phases 1, 2a, 2b, and 3. The Hub Site and system documentation is part of Phase 2b.

**Question 3:** *Would the contractor be leveraging an existing enterprise database within DNR's enterprise portal? Please clarify that DNR's Esri enterprise license would be use for the project. Additionally, can you confirm if the enterprise environment is in the Cloud?*

**Answer 3:** The Hub site and hosted services are intended to be built utilizing DNR's existing AGOL licensing and capability. DNR expects much of the data will reference existing services and that data will not be required to be stored on DNR servers. For data identified in Phase 1's data management plan to be stored specifically for this project, a decision will be made as the end of Phase 1 as to whether that data should be stored on the ESRI cloud as hosted data services or in an enterprise geodatabase within the cloud or locally.

**Question 4:** *In lieu of providing a client letter of reference, would it be sufficient to provide client reference information for direct contact? This might yield more candid feedback.*

**Answer 4:** Yes.

**Question 5:** *Under Section 4 (p. 21), "if applicable, provide notice that the firm qualifies as an Alaskan bidder." Will information on our firm's Alaska business license be enough to show we qualify as an Alaskan bidder?*

**Answer 5:** If a Firm meets the requirements established in Attachment 3, Certification of Entitlement to the Alaska Bidder Preference, the firm shall certify they meet the requirements by signing and submitting Attachment 3, Certification of Entitlement to the Alaska Bidder Preference with their technical proposal.

**Question 6:** *Under Section 4 (p. 22), "The offeror must identify all known federal requirements that apply to the proposal, the evaluation, or the contract." Our firm has worked with thousands of U.S. state, regional, and local clients. We feel we meet the federal requirements that apply to the proposal, the proposal evaluation, and the potential contract, but we would like further direction on what you might be looking for here.*

**Answer 6:** If you are aware of any federal requirements that apply to the proposal, the evaluation, or the resulting contract, you must identify them in your proposal.

**Question 7:** *Is there an incumbent currently handling this position or project?*

**Answer 7:** No.

**Question 8:** *What is the anticipated distribution of on-site versus remote work for this engagement?*

**Answer 8:** There is not an anticipated distribution. It will be as needed.

**Question 9:** *To what extent is it important for the technical manager to be physically located in Anchorage for this project?*

**Answer 9:** While it is not necessary for the technical manager to be physically located in Anchorage or Fairbanks, it is helpful for communication about the project to be able to meet in person from time to time.

**Question 10:** *Is the presence of a local office in Anchorage a requirement, or is it merely a preference for this project?*

**Answer 10:** It is a preference.

**Question 11:** *What specific qualifications or prior experience in the areas of geology, subsurface evaluation, CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage), or oil and gas does the Department of Natural Resources expect from potential candidates?*

**Answer 11:** It is preferred but not required that the candidate has a general understanding of geology and subsurface evaluation since they will be working directly with geologists and engineers that will be supporting and providing relevant data for this project.

**Question 12:** *Could you provide a more detailed explanation of Optional Phase 3 and specify the types of system maintenance that are expected over the course of four years?*

**Answer 12:** This includes ongoing maintenance for the project until a complete transition of the ArcGIS Hubsite to AKDNR is complete. It can also include adding additional datasets and web applications to the project that have been identified post initial assessment.

**Question 13:** *How critical is it for candidates to have experience with Microsoft Azure’s cloud computing platform for this project?*

**Answer 13:** It is not critical, but only desirable, that candidates have experience with Microsoft Azure’s cloud computing platform.

**Question 14:** *This project will be managed through a Task Order Solicitation, followed by a proposed scope and negotiable cost estimate. Can you provide more details on how this process will be structured and managed?*

**Answer 14:** The resulting contract will be As-Needed, and the budget amount is an estimate only and does not represent a work commitment. Funds will be available for each project and will be approved for each project’s specific Delivery Order (DO). The State does not guarantee a minimum or maximum number of services to be provided or dollar amount to be spent under any contract resulting from this RFP. The initial work is identified in Phase 1 through Phase 2b. After completion of Phase 1 through Phase 2b, and when the State requires services under the resulting contract the DNR Procurement Officer or Project Manager will issue a Task Order Solicitation to the Contractor. The Contractor shall provide a written negotiable cost estimate within the designated timeframe for the services. If the Project Manager approves the cost estimate, the Procurement Officer or the Project Manager will email a DO to the contractor. The DO is in essence a Notice to Proceed. If the State does not require services, the resulting contract will expire approximately August 31, 2029.

**Question 15:** *Do GIS applications such as Experience Builder or GIS Hub have to go through Alaska OIT approval? If so, please provide a brief overview of the approval process.*

**Answer 15:** No.

**Question 16:** *Is access to DNR's software licenses for ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Hub, or cloud storage provided by DNR? If not what Esri or cloud storage subscriptions are the contractor required to have in order to successfully complete this project?*

**Answer 16:** Access to DNR's software licenses for ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Hub, or cloud storage is provided by DNR. The license of contractor's local ArcGIS Pro is the responsibility of the contractor.

**Question 17:** *Will DNR's subject matter experts include GIS analysts/technicians able to advise on current GIS/IT infrastructure and data modeling tools and how the new products will be integrated?*

**Answer 17:** Yes

**Question 18:** *Does the proposed budget include software licenses?*

**Answer 18:** See Answer 16.

**Question 19:** *Do you have ESRI Enterprise licenses?*

**Answer 19:** Yes

**Question 20:** *Have you done any preliminary work on this project and if so, is there a consultant you've used?*

**Answer 20:** The DNR team has identified which datasets, their location where they are hosted, and prioritized what DNR would like to be included on the resulting ArcGIS Hubsite.

**Question 21:** *Will licensing for Esri products be made available for vendor use or will the vendor be required to provide their own software licenses?*

**Answer 21:** See Answer 16

**Question 22:** *Is Premium licensing available for ArcGIS Hub to support advanced functionality like stakeholder management or is the intent to restrict functionality to a basic license for Community or Open Data Hub?*

**Answer 22:** The intent initially is to restrict functionality to a basic license for Community and or Open Data Hub.

**Question 23:** *Is there an estimate to the number of how many Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage projects are anticipated to need to be processed under the terms of MSA?*

**Answer 23:** There are currently not any CCUS projects ongoing in Alaska. Legislation to enable CCUS was just passed this legislative session. The resulting ArcGIS Hubsite is to support an emerging CCUS industry to provide data for site selection and characterization.

**Question 24:** *Is there an estimate to the number of currently existing CCUS projects with data available?*

**Answer 24:** There are currently no CCUS projects in the State of Alaska. Data used to generate the resulting ArcGIS Hubsite will be taken from existing sources like Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission data miner, DNR Division on Oil and Gas open data, and DNR Division of Geological and Geophysical Survey geologic material center along with other data sources.

**Question 25:** *Is there an expectation that all new CCUS projects will provide project data in some format or is there a potential need for vendors to perform data capture via imagery collection or survey?*

**Answer 25:** CCUS project operators will be required to submit technical data. However, regulations are still being written for CCUS and it has not been determined if operators will be able to keep all or some data confidential. Operator data submission is not a consideration for this project.

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