

STATE OF ALASKA

ALASKA PERMANENT FUND CORPORATION



Data Technical Architect

Amendment #2

4/16/2025

This amendment is being issued to address submitted questions received by APFC from potential respondents to this RFI.

APFC Procurement
Email: procurement@apfc.org

1. Is it mandatory for vendors to have experience in financial services industry?

Yes.

2. Is there any preferred subject line for the submission email?

A preferred subject line is not required; however, "RFI – Data Technical Architect" would suffice.

3. Is it mandatory for vendors to participate in this RFI in order to participate in the future RFP?

This Request for Information (RFI) does not obligate APFC to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) or award any contracts; however, it does not prohibit APFC from future soliciting or preclude which type of any future solicitation.

4. Are electronic signatures allowed?

Yes.

5. Is there any incumbent to this solicitation? If yes, could APFC please provide the information?

This Request for Information is not a solicitation for proposals.

6. Are there scores for the evaluation criteria? If yes, could APFC please disclose it?

This Request for Information (RFI) is not a solicitation for proposals; the information obtained through this RFI will be used solely for market research purposes.

7. Are all the evaluation criteria factors weighting the same when it comes to proposal evaluations?

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8. Could APFC please clarify what qualifies as confidential information in this proposal process and what specific documents or sections vendors are allowed to mark as confidential?

Trade secret or proprietary data under AS 36.30.230.

9. Could APFC please clarify if firms can utilize subcontractors to meet the requirements of this opportunity?

This is not a formal solicitation, it is simply a Request for Information. Firms can respond as necessary; the information obtained through this RFI will be used solely for market research purposes.

10. Could APFC please clarify if subcontractor references are allowed to be used for the services provided?

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11. Can a firm subcontract with various primes?

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12. Can a firm bid both as a prime contractor and as a subcontractor?

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13. Does APFC accept remote resources to work on this engagement?

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14. Does APFC accept offshore resources to work on this engagement?

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15. Does APFC prefer on-site resources to execute this engagement?

Yes.

16. If the resources we provide at the time of proposal submission are not available at the time of a potential contract award could vendors replace them with equally qualified resources?

This is a Request for Information; APFC is not soliciting proposals at this time.

17. Do vendors have to provide references within the response? If yes, how many?

No.

18. Is it mandatory for firms to provide experience in financial services?

Yes.

19. In case firms do not have experience in financial sector, will they be disqualified?

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20. Instead of the bidding firm, can the proposed resource have experience in the financial sector?

Yes.

21. Which cloud platform do you plan/ or prefer to deploy Snowflake on?

We will be implementing a BNY product called "Vault" which uses Azure and Snowflake in a proprietary product stack.

22. Which solution do you plan on leveraging for ETL/ELT for this project?

We will be using the Vault product to ingest data feeds and a proprietary ETL product from the vendor.

23. Which solution(s) do you plan on leveraging for Business Intelligence reporting?

We will be using Power BI and Python.

24. CDW offers lower project costs with our Global Delivery Team based in India. Would you accept proposals using this team?

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