

STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Fish and Game
Division of Administrative Services



ADF&G Website Modernization and ADA Compliance

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Amendment # 1

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This amendment is being issued to provide responses to questions that were submitted by potential proposers.

Questions submitted by potential offerors and answers from the state:

Question 1: Should hosting costs be included in the proposal, or will hosting be provided by the State?

Answer: *Hosting costs will not be included in the proposal. The department will need hosting estimates before deciding on a CMS but expects this work to be part of the project after the Discovery & Assessment phase.*

Question 2: Are maintenance costs to be bundled with implementation, or should they be quoted separately?

Answer: *CMS maintenance costs will need to be identified prior to deciding on a CMS but this is expected to be a task of the project.*

Question 3: Are there any expectations regarding ongoing operational or support costs beyond the contract term?

Answer: *No expectations of ongoing operational and support costs beyond the go-live support.*

Question 4: Are there any preferred or restricted CMS platforms or technology stacks that the State would like to avoid or prioritize?

Answer: *The SOA primarily uses the Microsoft technology stack. Several SOA departments have chosen Umbraco as their CMS. This RFP is seeking assistance in assessing our existing content and business needs then letting the requirements help decide the technology.*

Question 5: Does the State have a preference for cloud provider or on-premises infrastructure for hosting the new CMS?

Answer: *The solution must be a cloud-based solution. It can be a 3rd party SaaS solution (assuming it meets the SOA security policies) or be hosted in the State of Alaska GCC Azure tenant.*

Question 6: Is there a minimum project value or size for qualifying reference projects?

Answer: *No, however similar in size to the State of Alaska, Department of Fish & Game is preferred.*

Question 7: Are references from non-US government but public sector (e.g., state, local, education) acceptable, or must they be from federal contracts?

Answer: *Prior experience does not need to be federal contracts or U.S. based organizations as long as it meets the other criteria in SEC 1.04.*

Question 8: Is any in-person presence required for project kickoff, training, or major milestones, or may all activities be conducted remotely?

Answer: *In-person attendance is neither required nor anticipated. Collaboration with the department will occur during Alaska business hours via Microsoft Teams video conferencing.*

Question 9: Are there any citizenship or residency requirements for key project personnel beyond the requirement that all work be performed in the US?

Answer: *All work must be done within the United States. Employees working on this project that are not located within the U.S. will not be allowed.*

Question 10: Are there any restrictions on the storage location of project data (e.g., must data be stored within Alaska or within the United States)?

Answer: *All data must be stored within the United States and comply with all State of Alaska Information Security Policies. The State of Alaska typically establishes a Microsoft Teams team for project collaboration. Virtual desktops for contractor remote access can be provided if needed.*

Question 11: Are original signatures or notarized documents required for submission, or are digital signatures sufficient?

Answer: *Digital signatures are sufficient.*

Question 12: Are there any intermediate milestone deadlines (other than the ADA/WCAG compliance date) that must be met, or is the project schedule fully at the contractor's discretion?

Answer: *No other hard deadlines. There may be go-live blackout period due to changing business needs. Project timeline is to be proposed by the contractor and approved by the department.*

Question 13: What is the expected duration for post-launch maintenance and support?

Answer: *Vendors should propose a reasonable support/warranty period aligned with project complexity. The intent is to ensure access to technical support resources for a limited time following handoff to DFG staff, in the event of post-launch production issues.*

Question 14: Are there specific service level agreements (SLAs) or response/resolution time requirements for post-launch support?

Answer: *No explicit SLAs are defined. Vendors may propose standard response and resolution targets as part of their support approach. Support resource must be available during Alaska business hours.*

Question 15: Are there any additional security compliance requirements (e.g., FedRAMP, FISMA, NIST) for the hosting environment beyond State of Alaska Information Security Policies?

Answer: *No.*

Question 16: Is the vendor expected to provide hosting for the new website, or will the contractst the site after launch?

Answer: *No. The State will either provide hosting within the State of Alaska GCC Azure tenant or establish a contract with a third-party SaaS provider, depending on the CMS selected following the Assessment and Discovery phase.*

Question 17: Are there any additional local, minority, or veteran business participation goals or set-aside requirements beyond the Alaska Offeror Preference?

Answer: *The preferences listed in the RFP document and within the State of Alaska Procurement Code are the only preferences that will be applied to this solicitation.*

Question 18: Are there any other required licenses or certificates, in addition to the Alaska business license, to be eligible for award?

Answer: *The awarded contractor will be required to provide a state of Alaska business license and certificate of insurance showing the company meets the required insurance limits.*

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