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PROCEEDINGS

(9:30 a.m.)

MS. CRISAFULLI: Welcome to the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. I'm Sandy Crisafulli, the Procurement Officer for Consulting and Technical Services Task Order Request for Proposals, Vermont, Maryland and West Virginia, UI Modernization PMO, DLLR-FY-2015-005 [sic], P00B5400010. I'm going to be the sole point of contact for this procurement. At this time I would like everyone to please sign in on the sign-in sheet and place your business cards in the brown envelope, if you haven't done that already. Today is August 8th. It is 9:30. This Pre-proposal Conference is being recorded to ensure compliance with the State of Maryland, COMAR Title 21.

When asking questions, it's important to identify yourself, including your company name, and speak in a clear voice. I would like to ask you to turn off your cell phones because it gets a lot of -- she can't -- it picks up interference.

At this time, I would like to ask a few

individuals from DLLR to introduce themselves. 1 2 not necessarily will be on the Evaluation Committee, but 3 they are sitting in for purposes to clarify any questions 4 you may have. 5 We'll start here. MS. THOMAS: Good morning. I'm Latesa Thomas, 6 7 Chief of Procurement. 8 MR. MORTON: I'm Dennis Morton. I'm the Deputy 9 Assistant Secretary for Unemployment Insurance. 10 MS. GANLEY: Melissa Ganley, VMW Project 11 Director. 12 MR. GODWIN: And I am Glen Godwin, the Project 13 Manager for the State of Maryland. 14 MS. SMITH: Monique Smith, Assistant to the 15 Program Director. 16 MS. CRISAFULLI: I would like everybody to turn 17 to page 4. I just want to talk about some key 18 information. I'll go over, reiterate the TO project 19 number is DLLR-FY-2015-005 [sic]. And functional area 20 10, IT Management Consultant Services. The TORFP was 21 issued July 30, 2015 [sic]. The questioned due date and

time is August 12th at 2 p.m. local time. The closing date for this procurement is August 20, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., local time. Please submit all questions to the Procurement Officer, me, Sandy Crisafulli. The period of the performance is three base years with two one-year renewal options. There's no MBE goal. There's no vet goal and no SBR goal.

Move to page 8. I just want to talk to you about 1.11, the travel reimbursement. Expenses for travel performed in completing tasks for the TORFP shall be -- shall not be reimbursed. I just wanted to make that clear.

Now I would like you to go to page 10, and we're going to turn it over to Melissa so she can go over the scope.

MS. GANLEY: Hello. The first thing I want to point out is that obviously for many of you, you've seen this in a different iteration, and at a former Preproposal Conference we had our partners from West Virginia and Vermont here. They are, unfortunately, not able to attend today's meeting, but they are with us in

spirit. So it truly is a three-state project, and it's unfortunate they weren't able to make it for this, for this Pre-proposal Conference. But they will certainly be part of any future interviews and the work going forward.

As Sandy pointed out, one of the biggest differences for this solicitation is the MBE goal, the fact that that has been removed. There are a few other things that I want to go through and highlight. I'm going to start on page 10, third paragraph down, where the second sentence begins with the word however. In the first version we had a Senior Project Manager and Junior Project Manager. Now we simply have the Senior Project Manager, and that is further emphasized down in the seventh paragraph where it says for making an award determination, the TO contractor shall propose exactly one. We only want one. We don't want a whole list.

We're looking for one individual Senior Project Manager.

Moving forward to page 12, just to give you a global picture of the project, this solicitation is for the project management services. So we want -- and these project management services will help guide us in our

work with the design and development vendor. The contractor selected for this procurement is not eligible for work with that design — to do any of the design work. So we'll have this Project Management Office to help the consortium and be an independent voice for the consortium in working with the vendor. And then we're also going to have obviously the design vendor, and we already have secured a legal vendor for — to be a resource in contract negotiations down the road. So there are three procurements as part of this project, and this is the second of the three.

Page 13, 2.72 at the bottom of the page. The TO contractor shall provide individuals to deliver Core PMO services in the following areas as directed by the TO Manager or designee. So, again, we only want the one Senior Project Manager, and after we have that one Senior Project Manager, additional resources will be onboard at the discretion of the consortium. And that's for all other services. Now we do want a staffing plan submitted. So we want to see what -- and that's to give us an idea of your experience with the size and

complexity of the project. How do you see this? When do you see resources being brought in? But the ultimate decision on when those resources are involved is at the discretion of the consortium.

Page 21 talks to additional project services, and those are the ones that we envision that we will need, but we certainly can't give you an hour. We don't know. They're not part of Core. These will most likely be on work order time and material basis as opposed to any fixed cost. So we certainly, one of the requirements is that each TO contractor who is submitting bids for this solicitation has these resources listed at their disposal, and however you want to select those individuals is up to your discretion, but we want, if we, if we call you up and say, you know, we think we're going to need a group facilitator, you should be able to get one relatively easily.

I want to point out, page 29, Section 2.10,
Minimum Qualifications. These are the same as they were
before, with the exception of number three. In the
previous version, you may remember that there were two ---

or excuse me. There were three IT projects. We've reduced that to two. As for the rest of the minimum qualifications, we did discuss them at length within the three -- between the three states, and we feel strongly that we want a company who has had background doing the size and scope of a project. So they are -- these minimum qualifications will not be changed further beyond the reducing of the -- as we already said, we reduced it from three projects to two project. As they are stated here in this document is what they will remain.

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And then, lastly, I want to flip over to

Section 4, page 39. And that is looking down at

Selection Procedures, B and C. We are going to hold

interviews with the contractor again to see that the

contractor, that the TO contractor has experience

providing services that meet this level of a project.

But then also we're going to interview the Project

Manager to make sure that that is a good fit as well. So

it is a two-prong approach to the selection.

I really think that that's about it for me, Latesa.

1 MS. THOMAS: Okay. 2 MS. CRISAFULLI: I just wanted to go over one I wanted you all to take a look at page 34 3 other thing. 4 to make sure you understand how to submit the proposals 5 in the proper format so you won't make any mistakes. 6 Just make sure you pay attention to that. And make sure 7 that you submit with the required -- the required 8 responses. That's pretty much all I wanted to say. 9 you have any questions about the TORFP, please submit in 10 writing before the closing date questions, which is 11 August 12th. 12 Is there any questions for any of us up here? 13 So any questions -- Kathy MS. RECZKIEWICZ: 14 Reczkiewicz, CSG, any questions that we have, we should 15 just put in writing. We should not ask those at this 16 time. 17 MS. CRISAFULLI: You can ask them at this time, 18 and we will respond in writing. 19 MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Okay. May I ask? 20 MS. CRISAFULLI: Sure. 21 MS. RECZKIEWICZ: In Section 3.4.1.A.3.

1	MS. CRISAFULLI: What page are
2	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Oh, boy.
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 3.4.1
4	MS. CRISAFULLI: 35.
5	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Yes.
6	(Simultaneous comments.)
7	MS. CRISAFULLI: Okay.
8	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Instructs the contractor
9	shall provide an initial staffing plan based on the
10	notional project schedule. What does the State mean by
11	notional? What should be included in this part of the
12	response? Are we talking about breakdown structure?
13	So just to clarify what notional means.
14	MS. GANLEY: Am I allowed
15	MS. CRISAFULLI: Yes.
16	MS. GANLEY: Do I need to respond in writing?
17	MS. THOMAS: No. You can respond now.
18	MS. GANLEY: We're looking for a sequential and
19	approximate timeline. You would imagine that at this
20	point in the project you'd be bringing on this type of a
21	resource, and at this point in the contract you'd be

on this. So it's not a formal detailed work breakdown structure, but we do want to get an idea that you know during which phase, during what point in the project you are going to need to pull in those additional resources.

MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Thank you.

MS. GANLEY: Glen, do you have anything to add to that?

MR. GODWIN: No, that's exactly right. Exactly what we're looking for. A rough timeline.

MR. HASSLER: Can I follow-up with that question?

MS. GANLEY: Sure.

MR. HASSLER: Bill Hassler, Edwards Project
Solutions. So earlier in the document you described that
you had gone through Phase 1, which is SCLC Phases 1
through 4. So you have a high level understanding of
what the requirements are going to be for this pursuit.
Could the State allow the contractor base to understand a
little bit better about the size, scope and complexity of
these three unique systems that are going to be legacy
systems that are going to be replaced? Because, you

know, if it's a \$10 million venue, it may have one level of staffing for that staffing plan. Or if it's \$100 million venue, there are differences in the complexity when -- understand that the steps are still the same, but giving a staffing profile is a little bit difficult not understanding the complexity of this software --

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MS. GANLEY: We have approximately 400 use cases to cover the three business -- functional areas, tax appeals and benefits. I'm trying to think of the numbers to give you.

MR. GODWIN: I'm trying to think about -- yeah, you're right what the use case is about what, 900 individual requirements have been identified. Those requirements of course they run the gamut from very -- easy to understand stuff to some more complex stuff. But there's about 900 requirements. How many use cases did you say?

MS. GANLEY: Approximately 400.

MR. GODWIN: About 400 use cases.

MS. GANLEY: Maybe a little bit more.

1 MR. GODWIN: The use cases are extensive. We are, we are quite keen on seeing that those use cases are 2 3 addressed. I mean we can tell you that. MS. GANLEY: And each use case does have 4 5 pre-conditions and post-conditions, and it's a very --6 the requirements are pretty -- they're still high level, 7 but they are, you know, they do connect, and they show the web of how everything intertwines between the three 8 9 systems and should intertwine. So for the 400 use cases, how 10 MR. HASSLER: 11 many are common to all three states and how many are 12 unique? 13 MS. GANLEY: I'd say probably about 90 percent 14 of our requirements are common between the three states, 1.5 and the 10 percent that are different are designated as 16 different. 17 Thank you. MR. HASSLER: MR. GODWIN: And we have identified those. 18 19 requirements are identified as common to all states or we indicate the states to which they're applicable. 20

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do have a pretty good handle on that. And as Melissa

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1	said, 90 percent, possibly more are common.
2	MS. GANLEY: We try to do the requirements
3	keeping them as common as possible. And where they're
4	not common is usually some state law or reason that was
5	not changeable by simple business process.
6	MR. HASSLER: Thank you.
7	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Kathy Reczkiewicz, CSG. I
8	have a page number this time. Page 37h, Offeror General
9	Information, number iii, instructs contractors to submit
10	with the technical proposal MBE participation, submit
11	completed MBE documents, Attachment 2, Forms D-1 and D-2.
12	Can the State please confirm that this was included
13	mistakenly?
14	MS. CRISAFULLI: This was mistaken. And it was
15	sent out as an addendum on July 31st.
16	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: I did not receive it. I'm
17	sorry.
18	MS. GANLEY: The addendum, I believe, just
19	addressed 2. or 1.5.
20	MS. CRISAFULLI: Right.
21	(Simultaneous comments.)
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1	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: And along those same lines,
2	the list of attachments, notes that the Minority Business
3	Enterprise participation attachments that are applicable
4	to this TORFP must be submitted with the proposal.
5	Again, that's not
6	MR. GODWIN: We missed that.
7	MS. CRISAFULLI: Does anyone have any questions
8	about the minimum qualifications?
9	MR. HASSLER: I think it's pretty clear that
10	this is Bill Hassler again, Edwards Project Solutions,
11	that subcontractor will not be considered as part of the
12	minimum. So a team configuration will not be considered.
13	MS. GANLEY: That's correct.
14	MR. HASSLER: It has to be the prime.
15	MS. GANLEY: There was a question over there.
16	MR. LAYMAN: Yes. Dean Layman, Leidos. You make
17	it clear that no travel expenses will be reimbursed, but
18	is the contractor expected to make out-of-town trips to
19	like Vermont and West Virginia as far as
20	MS. GANLEY: The majority of the work will be
21	done in Baltimore, but, yes, there will be times we'll

ask, you know, whether it's the Senior Project Manager or one of the other staff members to travel to the other states.

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probably three.

MR. LAYMAN: Is there a way to quantify about how many trips that would possibly be?

MS. GANLEY: I think we talked about eight per year. Is that, Glen, is that about what you remember?

MR. GODWIN: Well, for the PMO folks, I don't think it would be that many. I envision the first year

MS. GANLEY: Three trips?

MR. GODWIN: Yeah. One or two to Vermont and the other to West Virginia. And then a lot of the work will be done here. They'll be coming here as well. So I would say three trips for the first year is a good estimate. Subsequent years the same. I would use that. We'll, you know, our feeling is as the project progresses and everyone, you know, learns how to work through our processes and procedures that we should be able to possibly minimize some of that travel, but that would be in the later years. For the first two years I would

1	definitely count on three trips per year.
2	MS. CRISAFULLI: Any other questions about the
3	minimum qualifications or anything else?
4	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: This is Kathy from CSG one
5	more time. I just want to clarify the oral presentations
6	interviews they will in fact Section 1.5 says it
7	will be required. Then Section 4.3 says it may be
8	required. So they will occur, correct?
9	MS. GANLEY: For qualified offerors.
10	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Okay. And that two-prong
11	approach, can we assume that the company and the Project
12	Manager interviews will occur on the same day?
13	MS. GANLEY: Yes.
14	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Okay. Thank you.
15	MS. GANLEY: We certainly wouldn't want to, you
16	know, make companies travel on different days. That
17	makes more sense.
18	MS. RECZKIEWICZ: Thank you.
19	MR. HASSLER: Bill Hassler, Edwards Project
20	Solutions. Do you have an anticipated award date for
21	this contract?

1	MS. GANLEY: We
2	MR. HASSLER: would you like to have.
3	MS. GANLEY: Given that we're already a little
4	bit further behind the schedule where we wanted to be, I
5	my, my goal is late September, early October.
6	MR. HASSLER: Thank you.
7	MS. CRISAFULLI: She's still thinking.
8	MR. GODWIN: No more questions?
9	MS. CRISAFULLI: Okay. This concludes the
10	conference, and I thank you all for coming out.
11	(Whereupon, the Pre-Proposal Conference
12	concluded at 9:50 a.m., on August 8, 2014.)
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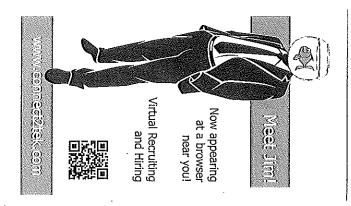
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