1. Are you able to interview by phone for candidates, who live outside MD/DC/VA/DE?
   The initial interview can be done by phone, but if a second interview is required, it must be face to face.

2. Can you tell us, when you could make this award?
   As soon as humanly possible

3. Is this a new requirement, or a re-bid of an existing contract? If re-bid, who is/are the incumbent vendor(s)?
   This is a new requirement.

4. We find various skills mentioned in your requirement. Could you classify those as primary and secondary etc?
   They are all primary. This resource will be expected to possess all of these abilities. They are used in combination to describe the role and responsibilities of this position.

5. Will a resource with strong DBA background fit into this position?
   A strong understanding of the Oracle 11G R2 RDBMS is helpful, in that it is the underlying database system. More importantly, it will help understanding how WebCenter integration is performed and may provide insights into possible performance alternatives that a resource without this knowledge may not have knowledge of. Please keep in mind that this is not a requirement for a DBA and that DBA support will be provided.

6. Will there be an extension of due date?
   No.

7. In reviewing the RFR, can you advise as to what we can provide that would "suffice as written evidence that the submitted candidate is available to work within 2 weeks of contract being awarded, and is either an employee of the vendor or is currently under contract as a subcontractor?"
   Disregard.

8. Is this a new position of re-compete?
   This is a new position.

9. Just needed a quick clarification in the RFR document. Under the "SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE" section, item #14 states that the candidate must have "Experience with intrusion detection testing and remediation". Is this correct?

Yes, this is correct, as WebCenter serves as both an internal and external portal (point of access) to State data and systems, much of which is sensitive in nature and subject to many compliance requirements, laws and regulations. The State requires strong security for website design and implementation. Part of Quality Control and Quality Assurance (reference PMBOK) is testing of the security for any website, prior to deployment into the production environment and continual testing of the production environment to assure that security controls are protecting data within State data systems, as intended. It is crucial that resources developing, implementing and operating State web solutions understand and can support these activities. It is expected that this resource would be able to work with the security team or vendor administering the intrusion detection process and provide assistance in the remediation of any issues or risks that are discovered.

10. I would like to check with you if we have a suitable candidate who would like to work on this project remotely, and come in for meetings occasionally, would MSDE consider such a candidate? Would a consultant have the remote performance option?
No. The candidate must be available to work onsite.