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QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES # 6
PROJECT NO. F10R5200205
Enterprise Web Systems
August 19, 2005

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This List of Questions and Responses #6, Question #38, is being issued to clarify certain information contained in the above named RFP. The statements and interpretations of contract requirements, which are stated in the following questions of potential offerors, are not binding on the State, unless the State expressly amends the RFP. Nothing in the State's responses to these questions is to be construed as agreement to or acceptance by the State of any statement or interpretation on the part of the vendor asking the question as to what the contract does or does not require.

38. In compiling our response to your Web Enterprise Systems RFP it has come to our attention that one of our subcontractor MBE companies has not yet obtained their MBE certification and most likely will not have obtained their MBE status by the Sept 9th proposal due date. If this firm is not considered an MBE for this proposal we will not be able to meet the 35% MBE requirement for this procurement and we will not be able to submit a bid. Is an "in-process MBE" status acceptable or will we be held in non-compliance?

RESPONSE: The requirement of the RFP is all MBE must be certified at the time of offer submission. Offerors submitting proposals that identify non-certified MBE's will have their offers rejected. Your firm has three other options as opposed to just not submitting an offer because one firm is not certified. First to seek another MDOT certified MBE to fulfill the role of the non-certified MBE; second, contact the MDOT MBE office to request an expedited handling of the application of the firm you have chosen; and third, review the requirement of COMAR 21.11.03.11. If your sub-contractor has not started the application process or just applied, as in this particular case, most likely you will not have the expedited handling option available.

Remember offers are **due on September 9, 2005 no later than 2:00 p.m.(local time)** If there are questions concerning this solicitation, please contact me via e-mail at bbowser@dbm.state.md.us or call me at (410) 260-7683 as soon as possible.

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By <Signed>
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