

IFB Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

To: Bidders Responding to Invitation for Bids (IFB) Number 4665 for the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS)

From: Craig P. Orgeron, CPM, Ph.D

Date: March 28, 2025

Subject: Responses to Questions Submitted and Clarifications to Specifications

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IFB Number 4665 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Title page, INVITATION is modified as follows:

INVITATION: Sealed bids, subject to the conditions herein stated and attached hereto, will be received at this office until 3:00 p.m. Central Time on April 15~~8~~, 2025, and then publicly opened for furnishing the products and/or services as described below for Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS).

2. Title page, third box is modified as follows:

SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO IFB NUMBER 4665 April 15 8 , 2025 @ 3:00 p.m., Central Time ATTENTION: Atrael Porter
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3. IFB, BIDDER RESPONSE INFORMATION, Items 28.4 and 28.5 are hereby added as follows:

28.4 Bidder may deliver a written document to Atrael Porter at ITS by Friday, April 4, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Central Time for a 2nd round of Bidder questions. This document may be delivered by hand, mail, e-mail, or fax. Address information is given on page one of this IFB. The fax number is (601) 713-6380. ITS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAYS IN THE DELIVERY OF QUESTION DOCUMENTS. It is solely the responsibility of the Bidder that the clarification document reaches ITS on time. Bidders may contact Atrael Porter to verify the receipt of their document. Documents received after the deadline will be rejected.

28.5 All questions from the 2nd round of Bidder questions will be compiled and answered, and a written document containing all questions submitted and corresponding answers will be posted on the ITS web site by close of business on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

4. IFB, ATTACHMENT A, BID FORM, Procurement Schedule is amended as follows:

Deadline for Questions Answered and Posted to ITS Web Site	03/28/2025
<u>Bidder Site Visit</u>	<u>04/01/2025 between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central Time.</u>
<u>Deadline for 2nd Round of Bidder's Written Questions</u>	<u>3:00 p.m. Central Time on 04/04/2025</u>
<u>Second Deadline for Questions Answered and Posted to ITS Web Site</u>	<u>04/08/2025</u>
Open Bids	3:00 p.m. Central Time on 04/08/2025 <u>04/15/2025</u>
Evaluation of Bids	<u>04/08/2025-04/15/2025</u>
Contract Negotiation	April 2025
Proposed Project Implementation Start-up	05/01/2025

5. A new section is being added to the IFB, ATTACHMENT A, BID FORM as follows:

Bidder Conference

Attendance at the ITS State Data Center walkthrough is optional for all potential bidders of IFB No. 4665. To attend the walkthrough, Bidders must contact Atrael Porter via email no later than March 31, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time (CT) to confirm and receive instructions.

The following questions were submitted to ITS and are being presented as they were submitted, except to remove any reference to a specific vendor. This information should assist you in formulating your response.

Question 1: Item #2 in Specifications section on page 15 indicates (8) Network Automated Engines be replaced with new Engines-Page 16 indicates a total of (4) Engines be provided-Please clarify the # of Engines that are to be provided.

Response: **Four (4) engines will need to be provided.**

Question 2: Please provide available dates for Electrical Sub Contract to make a site visit to estimate the required work for the project

Response: **Electrical Sub-Contractors may visit the State Data Center on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 between 10:00am and 3:00pm Central Time. See Amendment above.**

IFB responses are due Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time).

cc: ITS Project File Number 48679