

CACASA IT Consultant Request for Proposal

Pre-proposal Conference – August 18, 2008

Questions and Answers

http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/agcomm/Pre-Proposal_Q_and_A.htm

Where are the eight CAC locations?

Regions will be meeting this month to determine the host county locations. Neighboring counties will be invited to these regional meetings.

Will we be able to discuss functional requirements at regional meetings?

Yes.

How long are these meetings?

To be proposed by consultant based interviewing technical, mid-management, and CACs.

Will Merced County be one of the regional site visits due to the fact that it has its own unique system?

It will likely be one of the eight CAC locations.

Will the consultant need to evaluate the staffing of all 58 counties?

Just staffing needs as it pertains to supporting the recommended system. Each individual county will determine their own staffing levels.

Will the two existing vendors (AgGIS and RMMS) be precluded from bidding?

Yes

Should the proposal be for a single statewide “solution”?

Yes. It could be one of the two existing vendors, a combination of the two, or a new vendor.

Can one of the existing systems be recommended as the statewide solution?

Yes

How many years of data need to be converted?

A plan should be developed to convert as much data as practical. The existing vendors may be able to provide helpful information concerning the level of effort needed to convert data.

Is a unique ID (i.e. permit number) part of the proposal?

Yes. This should be part of the transition plan.

Please explain what is needed to inventory the current systems?

The functionality that already exists in the current systems should be documented.

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Is the State funding a portion of the solution?

It is anticipated that CACASA will be funding the solution through the pesticide mill tax received from the State.

What is meant in Section 3.1, bullet 1 regarding hardware specifications?

The consultant should specify what hardware/software/bandwidth is required by the recommended solution (i.e. number and capacity of servers, bandwidth requirements, and server software). Each county will determine the quantity and cost of desktop equipment.

Is the consultant hired for this project precluded from becoming the vendor for the recommended solution?

Yes, they are precluded from providing the recommended solution.

Organization Structure:

1. Are the individual counties allowed to select their own system?

It is possible, however, funding may only be available to counties who adopt or use the selected solution.

2. Where is the hardware going to be located?

This will be determined by the proposed solution based upon the needs assessment data.

3. What is the chain of custody of data?

This will be determined by the proposed solution based upon the needs assessment data.

Are the names of the consultants from the mailing list available for publication?

The names of the consultants will not be published unless they individually request to have their contact information published. Consultants that wish to be identified should contact Roger Shipp at rshipp@co.slo.ca.us. Your name, company name, and email address will be posted at the same web address as the Pre-proposal Conference Q and A (see below).

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