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ITN-23-017-CM SAP Human Resources/ Payroll Maintenance and Support Services Q&A

1. **Question:** Is this a new initiative? If not, please provide the names of the current vendor(s) providing the services.

ANSWER: Yes

Question: Can you please let us know the previous spending of this contract?
 ANSWER: N/A, this is a new engagement

3. **Question:** Please confirm if we can get the proposals or pricing of the incumbent(s). – **ANSWER:** There is no current incumbent.

Question: Are there any pain points or issues with the current vendor(s)?
 ANSWER: Please see response to Question 2.

5. **Question:** Please confirm the anticipated number of awards. **ANSWER:** One award that encompasses HCM, FICO, Procurement, etc.

Question: Please confirm if pricing will be hourly basis.
 ANSWER: Proposer must submit pricing model as part of their proposal.

Question: Can we just bid for payrolling service?ANSWER: Yes

8. **Question:** What are the County SLAs requirements for different priority levels of Incidents (P1, P2, P3, P4...)

ANSWER: Proposers should provide the SLA's for the solution.

9. **Question:** Are there any SLAs for enhancement/process improvements as well or those will be done as per business priority and bandwidth of support resources? **ANSWER:** Yes, and proposers to provide the SLA's for the solution.

10. **Question:** Which is of higher priority for county? Incidents or Enhancements/Process Improvements?

ANSWER: All are equal. Priority will be based on project or BPO request, State Mandate, etc.

11. **Question:** Is county using any current tool for Incident and Change management (E.g. Remedy, ServiceNow, Ivanti Service Manager etc.)?

ANSWER: Invanti Service Management

- 12. **Question:** Does county prefer to have offshore resources (i.e., Located outside united states) for support services or all the resources have to be located within US? **ANSWER:** US based resources are required, however, onsite support services is not required unless agreed upon prior to service start.
- 13. Question: Could you provide an overview of legacy systems interfaced with current ECC environments and total number of RICEFW objects across the core modules of SAP? ANSWER: Over 500 unique FRICE items have been catalogued/developed across all SAP modules. Complexity varies, but many are basic interfaces and simple reports or customizations.
- 14. **Question:** What is the total duration of support services needed by county for its ERP environment? I believe you mentioned 2+1 years?

ANSWER: At this time there is a potential 3-year support window but that could be extended

15. **Question:** Is there an incumbent support provider currently who will be competing? If so is it possible to name that provider?

ANSWER: No

- 16. **Question:** Does M-DCPS allow for offshore consulting for a portion of this engagement? **ANSWER:** No
- 17. **Question:** If there is no current incumbent service provider, please describe how the support is being conducted today.

ANSWER: Support is being provided using limited in house resources

18. **Question:** Do the human resources (for prime or sub) need to be US citizens, or can anyone with a working visa be part of the team?

ANSWER: As per Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, Contractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Should Contractor utilize a subcontractor to perform services, an affidavit must be obtained stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with or subcontract with any unauthorized aliens.

19. **Question:** For ITN-23-017-CM, do we have to bid on all the services or can we bid on the payroll support but not other modules?

ANSWER: Please see responses to questions 5 &7.

20. **Question:** Does the vendor need to be on the current M-DCPS bench or State of Florida bench list?

ANSWER: No.

21. **Question:** All the support resources have to be physically located in the USA or be available for USA hours?

ANSWER: Yes

22. **Question:** What are the specific goals and objectives you aim to achieve with this project?

ANSWER: Ability to support the functional aspects of the ECC environment and maintain a stable system.

- 23. Question: Do we need to adhere to any specific compliance or security standards?
 ANSWER: Yes
- 24. **Question:** Could you specify this project's expected start date and timeline? **ANSWER:** As soon as a contract has been signed. At this time this is a 3-year engagement that could be extended beyond 3 years.
- 25. **Question:** Can you detail the scope and expectations for the system upgrades? **ANSWER:** SAP OSS note review, test case analysis and execution, corrective configuration made as needed
- 26. **Question:** Do you have S/4 Hana in your roadmap as part of a system upgrade? **ANSWER:** Yes, we have begun discussions regarding the upgrade to S/4 Hana.
- 27. **Question:** Are there any known issues or challenges with the current system that we should be aware of?

ANSWER: No notable issues/challenges as the system has been running various modules since 2010. Payroll System does leverage "Concurrent Employment" which processes multiple assignments differently. Also, as a K-12 environment, we have several requirements specific to that niche industry [such as 10mo defer pay, summer school, etc.]

- 28. **Question:** Do you have S/4 Hana in your roadmap as part of a system upgrade? **Answer:** Yes, we have begun discussions regarding the upgrade to S/4 Hana.
- 29. **Question:** Can you provide examples of the system enhancements you anticipate? **ANSWER:** New reports, interfaces, update programs. New requirements to existing functionality necessitating further enhancement and code changes.
- 30. **Question:** How do you typically prioritize system enhancements? **ANSWER:** Expected methodology such as hard deadlines, legal necessity, work arounds available, capacity, etc.
- 31. **Question:** Are there specific performance metrics or outcomes you expect from these enhancements?

ANSWER: Enhancements are added to adhere to functional requirements needed to be carried out by the system

- 32. **Question:** What are your current challenges in managing day-to-day IT tasks? **ANSWER:** Many requests are novel/unique as opposed to routine and re-executable. Every item needs basic analysis to move forward.
- 33. **Question:** Can you outline the volume and nature of typical daily tasks? **ANSWER:** A mix of newly reported errors for analysis, reporting/data requests, more involved work items that carryover days/weeks
- 34. **Question:** What key performance indicators (KPIs) do you use to measure day-to-day operational success?

ANSWER: Issue resolution with adherence to SLAs and communicated timelines.

- 35. **Question:** Are there existing technical specifications, and how often are they updated? **ANSWER:** Yes, updated as they change for new functional requirements [some can be several times a year, others have not needed any change]
- 36. **Question:** What is your process for approving new technical specifications? **ANSWER:** SAP Manager/Architect review
- 37. **Question:** Are there particular formats or standards that you prefer for technical documentation?

ANSWER: Specific templates have been in use for approx. 15 years for SAP system specifications

38. **Question:** Can you describe the current IT support structure and where improvements are needed?

ANSWER: SAP Architect and Managers receive requests/priorities and plan based on resource capacity and timeframes. More capacity/skill is needed.

- 39. **Question:** What are the average daily IT support requests you receive?

 A mix of newly reported errors for analysis, reporting/data requests, more involved work items that carryover days/weeks
- 40. **Question:** How do you measure the effectiveness and responsiveness of IT support? **ANSWER:** Issue resolution with adherence to SLAs and communicated timelines.
- 41. **Question:** What are the key business challenges you hope to address with our services? **ANSWER:** Skilled Capacity to maintain the functional side of our ECC system
- 42. **Question:** Can you provide details on past or ongoing projects related to this engagement?

ANSWER: N/A

43. **Question:** How do you typically integrate business analyst outputs into your decision-making processes?

ANSWER: Errors/Requirements/Requests are given to business analysts to resolve/complete

44. **Question:** Can you describe the current data collection processes and their associated challenges?

ANSWER: N/A

45. **Question:** What data sources (ERP, SIS, etc.) are you using, and how are they integrated?

ANSWER: ERP SAP ECC

46. **Question:** What are your data accuracy, frequency, and reporting expectations? **ANSWER:** As requests and requirements dictate case by case

47. **Question:** What are the specific requirements and expectations for onsite personnel? **ANSWER:** This will be discussed as part of the onboarding process

48. **Question:** How does the hybrid model operate within your organization, and what are its objectives?

ANSWER: This will be discussed as part of the onboarding process

49. **Question:** Should our staff know any site-specific security or induction processes? **ANSWER:** This will be discussed/provided as part of the onboarding process