

Submit Date 1/4/2023	Vendor Question	MDCPS Response
	Will a list of vendors who submit a letter of intent be posted?	The names of vendors who only submit a letter of intent will not be published. The names of vendors who actually submit a proposal will be published once an award is made
	The RFP states that there is a requirement to align with RedMane’s timeline, which is not provided. Can MDCPS provide the timeline? Do alternative timelines need to be documented on Attachment D?	The proposed Go Live date based on the RedMane project schedule is May 2024. Yes, any alternative timelines need to be documented in Attachment D.
	The length of time to secure a data sharing agreement varies significantly by agency and jurisdiction. To build efficiency, is it possible to embed the data sharing agreement in the contract so both are secured at once?	Yes
	Does MDCPS require Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval to conduct the pre-implementation data collection (interviews) and analyses, including analyses of existing administrative and case-level data?	No
	In section 2.2, last paragraph on page 8, it is stated that the vendor will complete a variety of tasks “...specifically to design an algorithm in the automated system to make screening decisions.” Is MDCPS specifically seeking a predictive analytics tool to make screening decisions? Would an alternative SDM screening tool need to be documented on Attachment D?	MDCPS is seeking a tool to provide SDM for intakes, risk assessments, safety assessments and ongoing casework assessments. Yes. An alternative SDM screening tool should be documented on Attachment D (Exceptions).
	The RFP asks the vendor to be prepared to help MDCPS develop intake, safety, risk and ‘other relevant case assessments.’ Can MDCPS provide detail on the other relevant assessments they are interested in having included in a response?	Assessments that lend themselves to decision making in ongoing case work (In-Home prevention cases, foster care cases and permanency)

	Item 3.3.4 of the RFP (Cost Proposal). To determine if travel expenses should be included, does MDCPS have a preference whether some deliverables (e.g., kick-off meetings, workgroups, training, case reviews) are provided in-person or remotely	MDCPS prefers in person meetings to the extent possible but understand the unique needs/accommodations for remote work
	Section 2.2, page 8 of the RFP, includes a bullet that states “Training of MCI (Mississippi Centralized Intake & Assessment) staff, MDCPS professional development staff and other identified staff/caseworkers, on the use of the newly designed and implemented evidenced based SDM model.”	Confirmed
	Can MDCPS provide a number of staff that need to be trained, as listed above?	Approximately 1,000
	Does MDCPS have a preference for a “train the trainer” model in which the vendor creates curriculum and provides training and coaching to skilled trainers from the MDCPS professional development staff to complete training for other staff in the department, or for the vendor training all staff as listed above?	MDCPS would prefer both methods of training
	Does MDCPS provide virtual training to its workforce?	Yes
	The RFP requires that no identifying information be included in the Technical Proposal. Structured Decision Making (SDM) is trademarked by Evident Change. Because Evident Change is the only vendor who can implement SDM, can we mention SDM in the Technical Proposal?	Referring to structured decision making as a model/process in the response to section 3.3.3 (technical proposal) is permissible as long as the respondent does not explicitly self identify their name, brand or company.
	In RFP section 3.3.2 Minimum Qualifications and Information, there is a bold header “Written Proposals shall contain the Following MANDATORY Minimum Information:...” which then lists the scope of services described in RFP section 2.2.	Confirmed

	<p>In RFP section 3.3.3 Technical Proposal, the final paragraph states “Offerors should submit a plan giving as many details as is practical to explaining how the services will be performed pursuant to Section 2.2 of this RFP and information for quality control and assurance programs.”</p> <p>Can MDCPS confirm what materials are to be included in Tab2: Minimum qualifications and information, and what materials are to be included in Tab 3: Technical proposal?</p>	<p>Information submitted to each respective section should be responsive to the RFP. For tab 3 (technical proposal) no identifying information to name, brand or company should be included</p>
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