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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

HEALTH DATA WEB PORTAL AND MAINTENANCE

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Questions and Answers (Q& A)

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Questions	Answers
1. the 5 VMs hosting website and database: are they exclusive for this portal or shared with other workloads? Are they in a public cloud or on-prem infrastructure?	1. These VMs are currently exclusive for BRFS and on-premise.
2. Historical data: MD-IBIS currently has BRFS data from 2011 - 2021, but MD State started participating in CDC surveillance in 1987. Does the portal need to host and present all historical data? Similar situation for YRBS data.	2. Data prior to 2011 utilized a different sampling system and therefore is inherently different from 2011 onwards. We are not interested in displaying anything prior to that point in time.
3. Dashboard format: MD-IBIS has provided 6 charts (Vertical Bar, Stacked Horizontal Bar, Stacked Vertical Bar, Area, Stacked Area, Line), do we need to provide more and do we allow end user to customize visualization design?	3. More is welcomed but not a hard requirement, whatever if felt to be the most appropriate visualization for the data. Customized visualization would be welcomed.
4. Samples: Do we need to provide some sample dashboards/queries?	4. Samples are not required, but are welcomed.
5. Geographic Info: IBIS is using Leaflet OpenStreetMap. Is there shared access?	5. This is on the vendor side, MDH is not providing access to leaflet openstreetmap.
6. Data Export: Do we need other formats (such as PDF, PNG, SAS)?	6. The data export should support .pdf and .png files. SAS files should not be support in the export file.
7. Partner Data Providers: Does the department have partner data providers	7. All BRFS/YRBS data is provided to MDH through the CDC. The data is posted on their

now? If so, how do they share/upload data? Do we need to implement ETL/data capturing for existing/new data providers?	site and downloadable on our end through a secure log in. It is not a requirement for offeree's to implement ETL.
8. Is there a preferred technology for the website, or are you looking for recommendations?	8. We do not have a preferred technology for the website.
9. Are there current brands or websites that you'd want to emulate?	9. We don't have any specific or other sites that we are trying to recreate exactly. However, https://alaska-dph.shinyapps.io/BRFSS/ this site has a streamlined data portal which is a nice feature.
10. How would you like to track/measure your goals?	10. We have specific deliverables which are outlined in the RFP.
11. It would be especially helpful to make suggestions based on a budget – Do you have a specific budget that you would like to stay within for a project like this?	11. We do not have a specific budget at this time.