REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

HEALTH DATA WEB PORTAL AND MAINTENANCE

Solicitation #: OCMP 23-19745/BPM037161

Questions and Answers (Q& A)

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Questions	Answers
1. Will MDH consider a vendor-hosted solution with annual subscription fees that include hosting and maintenance providing them more predictable costs?	1. We are open to off premise, cloud based solutions. However, the data must be hosted within the country.
2. Does MDH want to continue using the existing IBIS open-source code as part of the solution or are you open to alternatives that provide equivalent functionality?	2. We are open to alternatives that provide equivalent functionality.
3. Will MDH consider a solution that provides equivalent statistical query/calculation ability but does not use the SAS-brand software?	3. This is dependent on what the offeror would demand from MDH. We currently only have the capacity to work with SAS files and work within SAS. If it is possible to use a solution that can use SAS files without it being SAS, or using a type of file that can be generated from SAS, then I believe that would work.
4. How does this scope fit into MDH's public health data modernization roadmap? -How is MDH considering the use of cloud as part of this scope? -How does the query functionality in this scope relate to DMI strategy/roadmap? -How does the website/data presentation or visualization functionality in this scope relate to DMI strategy/roadmap?	4. At this time, this scope of work does not fit into MDH's data modernization roadmap. While we are certainly interested in aligning efforts with the roadmap in due time, the modernization effort is still years away from being at a point where we would be participating. Given that our needs are more immediate, we are focusing on prioritizing the

-How does the data download functionality in this scope relate to DMI strategy/roadmap?	needs of this scope of work over aligning with the data modernization effort.
5.Is there an incumbent on this? If so, Who?	5. Our current vendor is STG Consulting.
6. We understood that client is requested an operational tool here however is there any possibility to accept Microsoft power BI Desktop to develop the tool?	6. Maryland is only interested in a tool that is already operational and not in development.
7. Is there any tool, MDH has already taken the demo.	7. We have not taken a demo on anything related to Microsoft power BI Desktop if that is what you are referring to.
8. What is the estimated budget for the project over three years and the two option years?	8. Offeror's do not require this information to develop a response to this RFP.
9. Is there an incumbent who is currently providing this service?	9. STG Consulting is currently providing the service now.
10. Who developed the existing IBIS site?	10. STG Consulting are the developers of the existing IBIS site.
11. What is the size of the existing SAS datasets for all years combined?	11. We do not currently have an existing SAS dataset with all years combined. Each dataset for an individual year ranges between ~10,000 kb to ~28,000 kb.
12. Is MDH open to having the vendor host the data and site to reduce both implementation and operational costs?	12. We are open to off premise, cloud based solutions. However, the data must be hosted within the country.
13. Will the topical reports be provided for posting or is the expectation the awardee will develop them (e.g. secondary research informing clinical domain briefs)?	13. The topical reports will be made in collaboration between the state and the awardee.
14. Could you provide samples of the report specific data suppression rules?	14. The data suppression rules are the same, regardless of the report. It is always a sample size less than 50 and/or RSE greater than 30%
15. Are the data suppression and query modules in SQLor SAS?	15. All of the data files are in SAS format. The data suppression rules are meant to be implemented in the software itself or on the contractor's end.