

VMIS – Market Exercise

The State received the following Questions and furnished the following answers related to the Vaccine Management Information System (VMIS) Market Exercise.

1. **Can the references requirement be waived since this is a new solution?**
 - a. No. To be clear, IDOH is only asking for contact and basic information for potential references, not written references.
2. **Due to the complexity of the solution, is it possible to extend the proposal due date to November 20th, 2020, at 5 PM EST?**
 - a. No.
3. **Is the Indiana State Department of Health going to use the Indiana State Sample Contract published with other RFPs?**
 - a. The State will be using some form of that contract template, but there may be some additional terms.
4. **If so, is the Indiana State Department of Health willing to negotiate a cap on the unlimited liability clause on the Indiana sample contract?**
 - a. The State is unable to change the indemnification language, but may be able to discuss some limited liability language.
5. **If vendors suggest changes to the standard contract terms or to the mandatory clauses will they be disqualified?**
 - a. As this is a research focused Market Exercise, a decision regarding a contract's terms and conditions has not been made. IDOH will determine the appropriate contract terms and conditions at the time of contracting, if a contract is pursued.

That said, if a contract is pursued it will likely require the State's standard terms and conditions, including those which are mandatory under State law. As a general practice, the State is limited in its ability to accept changes to standard terms and conditions and prohibited from eliminating mandatory terms.
6. **Can commercial clients references be used to fulfill the RFP references requirements?**
 - a. Yes. References should be for projects with the same or similar scope.
7. **Are there any restrictions on using project resources based in Global Delivery Centers outside of the United States?**
 - a. Resources outside the United States may be used for development, but hosting environments should be in the US only which consists of all the data (dev/test/prod) should also reside in the US only.
8. **Can we submit a pricing range?**

- a. Please submit a single price for each element on Attachment A. To the extent you wish to supplement this price with more information (such as assumptions or an associated range) you may also submit a price narrative document (no more than 2 pages).
9. **Is the pricing submitted by the bidders committed and will the selected vendor be bound to deliver the services requested in the RFP at the price submitted in the response?**
 - a. There is no RFP. The State is conducting a Market Exercise. The information gathered in the Market Exercise may equip the State to identify a vendor partner, but it is not being evaluated in the same manner as pricing information obtained through an RFP.

If the State elects to contract with a VMIS partner who has submitted a response to this Market Exercise, that selection may be based, in part, on their proposed pricing. The State will understand if that pricing requires minor adjustment at the time of negotiating a Contract if additional information is available. However, the State would like a Respondent's best, but realistic, price estimate as part of their completion of Market Exercise Attachment A.
10. **Will this market exercise serve as the sole basis for selecting a VMIS solution/SI and if so, when can we anticipate a decision?**
 - a. The State reserves the right to consider any information regarding VMIS decisions, including but not limited to the decision to contract with a VMIS partner. Accordingly, the State cannot commit to any timing as part of this Market Exercise. That said, time is of the essence to the State and it intends to move with all deliberate speed towards a VMIS solution.
11. **What is the volume of the data to be uploaded in the system?**
 - a. The volume of data requiring upload will depend on the nature of the VMIS pursued. Possible data requiring upload may include provider data, location data and recipient data. The precise data requiring upload would be determined in collaboration with a VMIS partner Contractor.
12. **How many different implementation sites are considered?**
 - a. As many of the contemplated functions of the VMIS are intended for use by providers and the general public throughout the State, there is not a specific number of sites contemplated for the system's implementation.
13. **Approximately how many systems is DHS looking to integrate with VIMS?**
 - a. Please see the list of State systems in Market Exercise Section 4.E.i
14. **Are there any plans to integrate with provider and county EHRs? If yes, what are the types/vendors and what will be scope?**

- a. The State may be interested in this option but it is not planned for the immediate future. Your response to Question 2.g of Attachment C is for informational purposes at this time.
- 15. How many user and types are expected to handle the system?**
- a. Please see Market Exercise Section 4.B.
- 16. Do you have a requirement for data prepping/cleaning and data catalog/data lineage?**
- a. There are no specific requirements in this regard. The State's goal is to have a VMIS with structured, standardized, consistent, and validated data. The State would collaborate with the VMIS partner Contractor to determine the appropriate practices to achieve these goals.
- 17. Is reporting/analytics functionality intended primarily for IN use internally, or for external presentation to citizens?**
- a. The VMIS reporting/analytics features are intended primarily for internal, State use. However, if you have public facing offerings the State would like to know more about it.
- 18. Is there a specific cloud hosting technology choice?**
- a. There is no requirement to use a cloud nor is there a required cloud choice.
- 19. Should data migration be considered for consolidating existing information from past vaccine responses into the new VIMS system?**
- a. This depends on the nature of the VMIS solution pursued. Accordingly, the State cannot provide a precise answer to this question at this time.
- 20. Is 508 compliance a must have requirement?**
- a. There are presently no "must have" requirements. The potential for 508 compliance is a factor to the State in light of the intended public use of certain VMIS functionalities.
- 21. What information does the state intend to collect about each prospective volunteer for review?**
- a. This information will be determined in design discussions.
- 22. The VMIS can provide automatic data feeds to the State or Federal government- Please explain on type of feeds and target systems?**
- a. The State is interested in learning what capabilities Respondents have in this regard. Anything in this regard would be finalized in a Contract with the State.
- 23. What information is being currently stored in the state data lake, and what are the data formats?**
- a. The COVID-19 data lake pulls multiple sources to present our dashboard. The dashboard can be viewed here: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm>.

Interested parties can learn more about the data sets gathered for this purposes here: <https://hub.mph.in.gov/group/covid-19>.

24. What are the different types of language that the state intends to support?

- a. Languages typically supported for public State programs and systems include English, Spanish and Burmese.

25. Is it mandatory for VIMS to complete provider enrollment through CHIRP or just pass on the enrollment data to CHIRP once captured in VIMS?

- a. There are presently no mandatory requirements. The State desires a VMIS which can further automate the CHIRP-based enrollment process.

26. Is Q21, related to Transfer?

- a. This answer presumes that the question relates to Functional Requirement 21 in Attachment B. This system functionality would enable State users to log and effect the decision to direct vaccine doses to particular providers and to provide providers a place to memorialize that those doses were received (so that it may be reflected in the inventory tool of the VMIS). In this respect, the tool plays a role in how the vaccine is “transferred” to providers.

27. What are the type of data that the state intends to load in VIMS for receipt planning?

- a. The State plans to use aggregated, deidentified data to perform its recipient planning in the VMIS. A summary of the State’s present planning in this regard may be viewed here: https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/Indiana%20COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Plan_%20Interim%20Draft.pdf.