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Software Solutions RFI  
Selected Questions and Answers  
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1. *Is the “approximately 5-10 pages” limited to the Executive Summary only?*

Yes.

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2. *Does a responding firm have to be a software provider or can they be a consulting firm or an implementation firm?*

The intent of the RFI is to further understand software capabilities. Other firms can respond but the State will be primarily interested in the capabilities and functionality of the software technology available in the marketplace. The responding firm can be any organization that has implemented a solution which they can demonstrate which meets the needs as described in the RFI.

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3. *Would the HR and Fiscal system functions operate from a centralized data center or would there be data centers distributed among the various State agencies?*

When responding to this RFI, please describe any requirements, constraints or recommendations for various architectures employed by your software. The location of the data center(s) has yet to be determined. All options are available at this point.

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4. *How many total employees among the State agencies that would be affected by the HR and Fiscal systems?*

For purposes of responding to this RFI, assume that the approximate number of people that may be included in the system is 55,000 for HR and approximately 3,000 for Fiscal.

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5. *How many potential users are there for the integrated HR and Fiscal systems?*

See answer to question 4 above.

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6. *How many concurrent users would there be for the integrated HR and Fiscal systems?*

See answer to Question 4 above.

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7. *Does the State have a preference for the database and hardware platforms for the HR and Fiscal systems?*

The State currently has no preference of database or hardware platforms for the new systems. The State would be interested in discussing the technical architecture of like systems that other governmental entities have implemented. When responding to this RFI, please describe any requirements, constraints or recommendations for the database and hardware platforms used by your software.

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8. *Would the State have interest in a hosted software solution (software applications are managed at an off-site data center instead of installed locally)?*

The scope of this RFI is limited to the Software Solutions technology available in the marketplace.

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9. *Are both Shared Service Centers using the information in this RFI or just the Administrative and Regulatory SSC?*

The State of Illinois, through the Office of Management and Budget, is using the information provided in response to this RFI for the purpose of determining the capabilities of software that will meet the needs of the State as briefly outlined in the RFI. The information from this RFI will be used by the Shared Services Project to educate the State and its Subject Matter Experts (“SMEs”) on the Software Solutions technology available in the marketplace.

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10. *What are the current Fiscal, HR/Payroll systems that are in place in the Agencies that will make up the Shared Services?*

See Section 2 of the RFI.

The State may consider a separate system for the Time and Attendance function. This system would need to be integrated with the Software Solution the State may select for fiscal and HR modules. The response to the HR/Pay features should include information on how the proposed Software Solution can be integrated with other third party timekeeping systems. This should include the names of those third party vendors and their solutions, if they are certified integration partners to the Software Solution, installations where the Software Solution is integrated with third party timekeeping systems (public sector preferred), and the level of complexity in integrating timekeeping systems with the proposed Software Solution.

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11. *What would the reasons be for the State to consider a different system outside of what is currently in place?*

See Section 2 of the RFI.