

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL No. 2010-001-RADA
Data Warehouse and Assessment Management System Services
Amendment #1 - Questions and Answers
Issued June 23, 2009

Please note: The date of notification of the Award Winner has been changed from July 15, 2009 to July 24, 2009. This is in conjunction with the rescheduling of the Board of Education meeting from July 13, 2009 to July 23, 2009.

Question 1: How often does Rio Rancho Public Schools (RRPS) administer the NWEA benchmark assessments and what is the timeline for uploading the results into the data warehouse? Does the District anticipate continuing those assessments throughout the term of this contract?

Answer: The Rio Rancho Public School system administers the NWEA benchmark assessment three times per year. During SY08-09, the testing windows closed in October, January, and May. RRPS prefers that the offeror can process the data in the raw text file into the data management system within a few days of the upload. The District does anticipate continuing with the NWEA benchmark assessment throughout the term of this contract at the current time.

Question 2: Will RRPS be developing a district benchmark assessment using the assessment system selected through this RFP? Will the District be using the new assessment system to develop common formative classroom assessments? If so, is the District seeking an item bank as part of this solicitation?

Answer: The Rio Rancho Public School system intends to use the assessment management system to aid in the scoring and organization of data from the *current* district-developed short cycle assessments. The District is NOT seeking an item bank as part of this solicitation. It is also hoped that the assessment management system will facilitate the scoring of and analysis of student progress by standard on teacher-developed formative classroom assessments (both common and privately administered).

Question 3: The RFP lists a number of pre-defined reports for assessments that will be used in the near future. When do these reports need to be available in the new system? Must they all be available this fall?

Answer: The Rio Rancho Public School system prefers that the pre-defined reports listed in the RFP be available as quickly as possible. If some of the listed reports are not currently available within the offeror's data warehouse system, the offeror should provide an estimate of when such reports could be available and if any additional charges for report development will be incurred.

Question 4: Appendix B (page 6 of 6); Section VIII. Please provide student counts by grade.

Answer:	Kindergarten:	1,278	Grade Seven:	1,272
	Grade One:	1,264	Grade Eight:	1,326
	Grade Two:	1,300	Grade Nine:	1,224
	Grade Three:	1,294	Grade Ten:	1,361
	Grade Four:	1,332	Grade Eleven:	1,012
	Grade Five:	1,264	Grade Twelve:	1,062
	Grade Six:	1,279		

Question 5: Appendix B (page 6 of 6); Section VIII. What are the requirements of the “Business Gross Receipts Taxes,” and how does it apply to this RFP?

Answer: Any applicable New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax for services should be itemized separately from the other costs.

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Question 6: Is RRPS planning to expose their Active Directory via LDAP across the internet to facilitate internet-based logins? Will it be to a specific server?

Answer: RRPS does not currently expose its Active Directory across the internet. Upon award of a contract, appropriate security measures will be developed.

Question 7: Does RRPS have a SIF Zone Integration Server?

Answer: No.

Question 8: What kind of remote management functions is RRPS expecting to have available on the remotely hosted service?

Answer: This will be determined after a contract has been awarded but anticipate that RRPS would want full access to the host site.

Question 9: Regarding the format, it says spiral binding or stapled. Can we use binders?

Answer: No, binders have a tendency to break apart and spill their contents – especially during shipping or mailing.

Question 10: We are unclear as to what information you are seeking on Appendix A, which is the submittal form for the data warehousing proposal. MAXIMUS, Inc. is a corporation. When you ask what is the amount of yearly compensation what does that mean? Does that mean the total revenue for the corporation annually? The revenue generated from our New Mexico operations? Is the information on gross receipts tax just for NM or do you want it for the entire country? How does total yearly compensation differ from the information asked under the first question, amount of yearly compensation?

Answer: On Appendix A, please disregard Item 4. Yearly Compensation. This is covered within Appendix B.

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