

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS
Response to RFP-Related Questions
Information Technology Professional Services
System Reference # 23100

1. Please advise on Place of Performance.

All services shall be performed in the United States. While some work may be able to be done remotely, resources must be available to work on-site at the Springfield, IL office with a 24-hour notice.

2. Is this a single award or multiple award contract?

Multiple awards are anticipated.

3. If it is a multi-award contract, please confirm the total number of vendors to be awarded this contract?

All Vendors meeting the evaluation criteria will be awarded a contract that allows the opportunity to propose resources in the Service Classification(s) they are deemed qualified when such services are sought by the System and identified in a Service Need Request.

4. Is this a new contract or renewal of an existing contract?

This is a new contract.

5. If there is an existing contract, could you please share the name of the Current Supplier?

This contract replaces an expiring single award contract with Capitol Strategies Consulting, Inc. that only provided .NET Developers and Pension Systems Business Analysts.

6. Could you please share the current Suppliers' pricing and Proposals?

Please request this information under the freedom of information act (FOIA) by utilizing the following link:

[Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\) Information \(illinois.gov\)](#)

7. When was the existing contract started, and what is the annual monetary spent value of the current contract since inception?

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8. Please share the historical spending for the year 2021 and 2022.

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9. Can you please share the amount of business each vendor did under this contract in previous years?

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10. Can you please share the no. of positions served in previous years under this contract? Please share year wise count?

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11. What were the most commonly filled positions in the past?

This contract is replacing an expiring contract that only provided .NET Developers and Pension Systems Business Analysts.

12. Can you share details from where we can get old RFP details?

The old IT Consulting Services RFP can be found at the following link:

[Closed and Awarded IFBs/RFPs - State Retirement Systems \(illinois.gov\)](#)

13. Can you please tell us where we can see the records for the old contract?

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14. Can you please share the email id/details where we can raise the public record request for old RFP?

The old IT Consulting Services RFP can be found at the following link:

[Closed and Awarded IFBs/RFPs - State Retirement Systems \(illinois.gov\)](#)

Any additional information can be requested under the freedom of information act (FOIA) by utilizing the following link:

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15. How many positions are expected to be filled under this contract?

We are unable to predict the number of positions expected to be filled over the next five years since priorities, budget, and other factors may impact the number of resources requested via the Service Need Request process.

16. How many positions are currently open? Please share estimated count per Service Classification?

Technically, no positions are currently open. The purpose of this RFP is to establish a pre-qualified pool of Vendors capable of providing qualified resources, in defined service classifications, to meet System needs over the next 5 years.

17. Will you accept reference of commercial clients?

Commercial client references will be accepted.

18. We understand that APPENDIX A: REFERENCE AUTHORIZATION LETTER will be filled by the vendor not reference? Please confirm.

APPENDIX A: REFERENCE AUTHORIZATION LETTER is to be completed by the Vendor.

19. Measuring Progress Toward System's Diversity Goal

Question: Can you please specify the applicable diversity goal % for this Contract/RFP?

SERS has set an aspirational goal of 30% of all contracts and purchases from businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with a disability.

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20. Resumes of all representative resources named on the Service Classification Vendor Response Form referenced in (2) above.

Question: For example In Application Development Microsoft Technologies we have 40 resources available, How many minimum resume per category we need to attach? Do we need to attach 40 resume?

One representative resource and resume is required for each Service Classification that you are seeking qualification. If the same representative resource is submitted for multiple Service Classifications, only one copy of the resume needs to be submitted. Please ensure that resource's name is listed for all Service Classifications for which they are the representative resource.

21. Question: Can we add sample resume or live/actual resume of available candidates need to attach?

Actual resumes for the representative resources named on the Service Classification Vendor Response Form need to be attached. Candidates must be working, or available to work for the Vendor, but do not need to be available for assignment at SERS.

22. Question: Please specify maximum resume per service category we can attach?

One representative resource and resume is required for each Service Classification that you are seeking qualification. If the same representative resource is submitted for multiple Service Classifications, only one copy of the resume needs to be submitted. Please ensure that resource's name is listed for all Service Classifications for which they are the representative resource.

23. Can you please share Directory of Diversity certified business? We are not able to locate at <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=003005750K2>.

The database of registered and/or certified vendors can be found at the following link:

[State of Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion \(diversitysoftware.com\)](https://www.diversitysoftware.com).

24. Do we need to respond Cybersecurity Practices in proposal response?

Proposals must include responses to Section G. Cybersecurity Practices in the cover letter.