

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION CONSULTING SERVICES

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. Contract period: In section 1.2 the RFP indicates a contract period of 2 years, with option to renew for up to two additional 12-month periods, however all Education and Awareness Demonstration Project Deliverables indicate a completion date of 1/31/24 which reflects a 1-year period. Please clarify if the initial contract period is 1 or 2 years.

Answer: The initial contract period is for one year based on the performance period of federal monies funding this service. The contract allows for two years in the case of amendments for a time in NERDIC's federal award performance period or if NERDIC receives more funding for this project allowing a continuation of services without the need to go out for a bid.

2. Section 3.1 Pricing references contract ending by 3/31/24. Please clarify.

Answer: The contract is expected to end on 3/31/24; however, in our past experience, there have been delays or needs for extensions.

3. Pricing: The RFP only requests staff cost and time estimates for proposer, however work is expected to include collaboration with MEP and Technology Centers in all 6 New England States and various Technology vendor partners that would involve subcontract awards. Are those costs to be considered after the proposal submission or estimated within the proposal?

Answer: Estimated within the proposal.

4. The RFP Price Proposal, Section 2.2 states "Fixed hourly rates should be inclusive of all fees, fringe, and expenses, including travel." Will NERDIC entertain a firm fixed price proposal that is inclusive of expenses?

Answer: Yes, NERDIC will entertain a firm-fixed-price proposal.

5. The RFP does not include an estimated value for the services. While developing and proposing the best solution for NERDIC, Deloitte would also like to be sensitive to NERDIC's budgetary considerations. Would NERDIC be able to provide a general idea of the budgetary range for this initiative?

Answer: We are not prepared to release budget amounts and would like to evaluate proposals based on the rating scale provided in this RFP.