

**New York State Contract Reporter Hosting and Maintenance RFP
RFP Number: 21-6143**

Questions and Answers

Question 1: Do you have a budget you are able to share?

Question 1: What was the investment in the previous website?

Answer: In the interest of encouraging the most competitive responses to the RFP, the Department will not disclose the previous cost or maximum budget estimates for this engagement.

Question 2: Is there a mandatory pre-proposal meeting?

Answer: No. Please see section 1.4 on page 2

Question 3: Do you have a style guide or a brand guide?

Answer: Branding documents were included with the RFP and have been uploaded to the Documents tab in the Contract Reporter ad. They can also be found at: <https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/requests-proposals/hostingmaintenance-nys-contract-reporter-website>.

Question 4: Does NYSDDED have in mind what type of fee based services it would like to incorporate into the new Contract Reporter? If so, could NYSDDED share those ideas to provide some context to the level of scope required to implement this feature?

Answer: Possible fee-based service would include anything that is value added past the required deliverables. Eg. Mobile App, RSS Feed, API and XML feed support.

Question 5: Please provide clarification if subcontracting the hosting of the site in YR1 is allowed? According to the budget template, sub-contracting hosting is allowed Yr2 – Yr5, not Yr1.

Answer: Subcontracting the hosting is also allowed in Year 1. Please see revised RFP and budget template.

Question 6: Can you provide some further clarification on NYSDDED's desire to implement a Software as a Service solution for the Contract Reporter Website? What are NYSDDED's driving factors/needs and intended outcomes for implementing this type of solution?

Answer: Driving factor is to have vendor provide a turn-key solution and hosting environment. Intended outcome is robust hosting, limited Empire State Development IT technical involvement and licensing on a platform that meets, or exceeds Empire State Developments requirements.

Question 7: Is NYSDDED looking for a customized off the shelf (COTS) solution that meets all statutory requirements as well as functional and technical requirements for the next generation Contract Reporter website?

Answer: Empire State Development specifies a SaaS solution.

Question 8: On pg 7, the RPF calls for the SaaS target platform to be a windows environment with an asp.net codebase. Is NYSDDED open to having the solution run in other industry standard environments, such as Linux?

Answer: Empire State Development requires this to be a Microsoft .net solution.

Question 9: Is NYSEDED looking for a dedicated hosting environment? Meaning all physical servers are dedicated to the Contract Reporter and not shared with anyone else?

Answer: A cloud platform solution is acceptable, Empire State Development, partner and user data would have to be isolated, inaccessible to any other entity sharing the platform.