**STATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**RFP SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY**

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| **RFP NUMBER AND TITLE:** | RFP# 202505078 Education Finance Compliance and Monitoring System |
| **RFP ISSUED BY:** | Department of Education |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | August 18, 2025 |
| **QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | September 5, 2025 |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** | September 17, 2025 no later than 11:59 pm local time. |
| **PROPOSALS DUE TO:** | [Proposals@maine.gov](mailto:Proposals@maine.gov) |

**Provided below are submitted written questions received and the Department’s answer.**

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| **1** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| II.A.2, page 10 | Please clarify the scope of work for interfacing with external partners. How many interface partners are anticipated, how many interfaces will be required, and what types of data will be exchanged? |
| **Answer** | |
| Please refer to the RFP Part I and Part II for the description and scope of services requested in this RFP. It will be up to the Bidder to work with the Department to determine the interfaces necessary for the work of the Education Finance Compliance and Monitoring System and the Bidders solution. | |

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| **2** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| II.E | How many unique legacy data sources will need to be migrated or loaded into the new solution? |
| **Answer** | |
| One to three. It will be up to the Bidder to work with the Department and the SLDS vendor to determine the optimal configuration of data sources to best support the work of the Education Finance Compliance and Monitoring System and the Bidders solution.  Please refer to Section IIE – “The Awarded Bidder will complete a data migration and integration analysis of the legacy system’s data and deliver a data migration and analysis document that details specific data transfer requirements for the system.” | |

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| **3** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| II.E | What specific data integration responsibilities will fall to the award recipient versus those retained by the current vendor managing the Maine SLDS? |
| **Answer** | |
| It will be up to the Bidder to work with the Department and the SLDS vendor to determine the desired configuration of data sources to best support the work of the Education Finance Compliance and Monitoring System and the Bidders solution and the optimization of the Education Data Warehouse. Please refer to Section IIE – “The Awarded Bidder will complete a data migration and integration analysis of the legacy system’s data and deliver a data migration and analysis document that details specific data transfer requirements for the system.” | |

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| **4** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| II.A.1.vi | Do you require dashboards for multiple years going forward or past years as well? If past years are to be included, how many previous years? |
| **Answer** | |
| Please refer to the RFP Section II.A.1. vi - Provide the Department with an administrative dashboard to quickly assess the status of LEA’s financial and audit data for multiple years.  It will be up to the Bidder to work with the Department to determine the utilization of dashboards to best support the work of the Education Finance Compliance and Monitoring Team | |

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| **5** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| GENERAL AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS 1.3 | Is there an SSO requirement for State-level users for this system? Is there a requirement for SAU/LEA users for SSO? If so, what SSO infrastructure/protocol will be used and what level of integration is required? |
| **Answer** | |
| Bidders should reference Appendix E General and Technical Requirements Form and <https://www.maine.gov/oit/sites/maine.gov.oit/files/inline-files/GeneralArchitecturePrinciples.pdf>, "Any net-new technology products must consume authentication from the State of Maine enterprise A.D". There is not a State or LEA requirement for SSO for LEA Users at this time. | |

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| **6** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| II.A & D-H | Please confirm that vendors are not required to provide responses to these sections of the Scope of Sections in the RFP. |
| **Answer** | |
| Bidders are asked to discuss the Scope of Services referenced in Part II of the RFP in its entirety including sections D-H. | |