

WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SP-16-0187 Employment Verification System

ANSWERS ARE IN BLUE

1. Question: What is the timeline for award, start date, and performance period?

Answer: Per section 1.9.B to allow time to evaluate proposals, prices **must** be valid for 90 days following the bid opening. The State's current contract ends on 06/30/2017. The new contract awarded from this solicitation would go into effect 07/01/2017. Performance period begins on contract start date.

2. Question: Section 2.7 talks about an implementation and testing period. Does the State of Arkansas want a system integration or a web based system? If the State wants a web based system, will section 2.7 be removed?

Answer: The State of Arkansas is seeking a web based system. An addendum will be issued striking the word "integration" from Section 2.7.B.

3. If a vendor is unable to agree to the mandatory requirements identified in the RFP, would the State be willing to incorporate the terms and conditions mutually agreed to by the State and the vendor in an existing contract?

Answer: No. Per section 1.5.A. and 1.5.B. of the solicitation document: The words "**must**" and "**shall**" signify a Requirement of this solicitation and that vendor's agreement to and compliance with that item is mandatory. Exceptions taken to any Requirement in this *Bid Solicitation*, whether submitted in the vendor's bid or in subsequent correspondence, **shall** cause the vendor's bid to be disqualified.

4. Can companies outside the United States submit bids for this solicitation?

Answer: Yes.

5. Would a bidder from outside the United States need to be present onsite for meetings?

Answer: No, while having an onsite presence for meetings is preferable, communication can be handled via telephone, email, or conference call.

6. Can tasks related to the bid be performed outside of the United States?

Answer: Yes.

7. Can proposals be submitted via email?

Answer: No.