

# Ohio Attorney General's Office

## Request for Information (RFI)

AGO-RFI-08032020

### Crime Fighting Technology

#### Section I - General Information

The Ohio Attorney General's Office (AGO) is releasing this Request for Information (RFI) to gather information regarding technological tools or systems to maximize information sharing, crime fighting, and critical incident response.

#### General Overview

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost is an elected official who is the Chief Law Officer for the State of Ohio and its agencies, boards and commissions. The office consists of about 1600 employees in nearly 30 distinct sections that advocate for consumers and victims of crime, assists the criminal justice community, provide legal counsel for state offices and agencies, and enforce certain state laws.

As part of the responsibilities and services of the Ohio Attorney General's Office (AGO) and statutory components such as the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification and the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) computer network, the AGO provides technical tools and information to local law enforcement and criminal justice partners.

Maximizing information, in a transparently legal and ethical manner, through data and systems integration has been shown to save lives, reduce crime and improve the quality of life. Because the AGO is uniquely positioned to provide this technical assistance, it is important to understand new and emerging technologies and processes.

COP2030 is an initiative underway at the AGO designed to prepare Ohio law enforcement officers, agencies, and criminal justice partners for the next decade now. The three pillars of COP2030 are training, technology and the use of fast information.

Underscoring the critical nature of preparing law enforcement for the challenges of the future, the National Institute of Justice, a research component of the United States Department of Justice, has made an ongoing commitment to technology research. Concurrently in Ohio in early 2019, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's Law Enforcement Technology Task Force (LETF) met several times and developed key recommendations within three underlying themes:

1. The linking of existing law enforcement technology and systems would fill critical information gaps;
2. New technology would improve officer safety and speed the criminal justice process;
3. Law enforcement technology training should be consistent across agencies.

The AGO is interested in receiving information from interested parties. Cost information provided will be used solely for the purposes of performing a market analysis for the future acquisition of the necessary products and services.

The goals of this RFI are the following:

1. Understanding what solutions are in the marketplace that are currently operational and proven. Specifically, existing but tailorable systems that are ready to deploy,
2. Understanding solution coverage and ability to meet AGO requirements by maximizing information, in a transparently legal and ethical manner, through data and systems integration that has been shown to save lives, reduce crime and improve the quality of life,
3. Identify budgetary and cost estimates,
4. Recognize suppliers with a proven track record, and
5. Confirm supplier ability to comply with AGO standard contract provisions.

The Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) is partnering with local law enforcement and a cutting-edge company to test technology that will help save lives and reduce human suffering. The goal of the technology is to curb the amount of time needed to deploy necessary law enforcement resources in the event of an emergency, such as an officer-involved shooting, a child abduction, an active shooter or a missing person.

Law enforcement officers are trained to think critically and to react to emergencies based on instinct and the available information. Unfortunately, the information available when officers set out to respond to a call is often vague and sometimes inaccurate. What if more reliable information was available from the moment a call is received to the time officers have a scene under control? What available technology has been developed to give law enforcement agencies the ability to deploy resources and react to emergencies based on real-time information.

## **The Technology**

A service-based system, designed to help law enforcement officers make better, faster decisions in the field, takes existing information that is currently siloed and combines and crosschecks that data in real time. This new information is then automatically sent to first responders, detectives, and analysts to better assist officers who are responding to emergencies and conducting criminal investigations.

Respondents are NOT to include ANY trade secret information because the contents of their response to this RFI will be considered public information and will be made available upon request. Responses to this RFI are to contain general descriptions of methods, technological solutions, or services that would serve the State's needs; the AGO seeks nothing as detailed as the sort of information that might be considered proprietary in nature.

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a solicitation. Respondents should note that no contract will be awarded pursuant to this RFI and that responding to, or not

responding to, this RFI will neither increase nor decrease any respondent’s chance of being awarded a contract from a subsequent solicitation by the AGO.

The AGO is not liable for any costs incurred by a respondent for the development and provision of a response to this RFI. Respondents may be referred to as “interested parties” or “respondents”.

**Section II - Timeline**

The AGO will align the RFI to the dates indicated in the table below.

| Action   | Date                         |
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| RFI Released on the AGO and State of Ohio Procurement Websites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFI becomes active,</li> <li>• Q&amp;A period opens, and</li> <li>• Interested parties may submit questions.</li> </ul>   | August 3, 2020               |
| Question and Answer (Q&A) Period Closes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the specified date,</li> <li>• No further questions will be accepted, and</li> <li>• AGO will provide answers to the questions on the DAS website as they come in, which comprises a Final Q&amp;A Document.</li> </ul> | August 14, 2020<br>8:00 AM   |
| RFI Response Deadline Date/Time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interested parties must submit responses to the RFI no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the specified date.</li> </ul>   | September 4, 2020<br>3:00 PM |

**Section III – Reference Materials and Inquiries**

Reference materials related to this RFI will be available on the State of Ohio Procurement website. The website address is linked from [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Business/Services-for-Business/RFQ](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Business/Services-for-Business/RFQ). The website will provide the following:

- RFI Documents – Copy of this RFI and any Exhibits or Attachments.
- Questions and Answers – Contains copies of all questions and answers regarding the RFI or other related documents.

Unless the AGO advises differently, all contact is to be in writing using the State of Ohio Procurement site. All inquiries and responses will be posted to the same web site. The due date for any inquiry within the intent and scope of this RFI must be received by the RFI Question and Answer Period Deadline Date/Time found in the Timeline schedule table.

## Section IV - Format and Content of Response

In the interest of time, the AGO has a strong desire to receive and review condensed, content rich responses. To meet this objective, the AGO has established a structured format for responses to the RFI. All narrative responses must be provided in PDF.

Interested parties replying to this RFI should address the following topics and questions associated with Crime Fighting Technology. Please note, respondents are encouraged to submit narrative responses to any or all questions, it is not mandatory to respond to each question.

1. Describe the solution your organization provides.
  - A specification sheet or other documentation summarizing your solution, performance and other characteristics of your product, in sufficient detail that allows the AGO to understand what the product is, would be welcome in addition to a narrative response.
2. Describe how your solution meets AGO requirements and need.
3. Identify the pricing structure for your solution. Include initial costs and ongoing cost estimates.
4. Describe your track record in the market place. Include performance history, accomplishments, credentials, and any other relevant information, along with a customer reference and contact information for verification.
5. Confirm your organizations' ability to comply with AGO standard contract provisions.
  - A sample contract is provided as an exhibit with the RFI Documents on the website.
  - Any future contract for services relating to the requested information will be substantially identical to the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Agreement will only be modified to account for special circumstances and facts presented in an offeror's statement of work. In no event shall the AGO modify any of the terms specified in this section.

## Section V - Trade Secrets Prohibition / Public Information Disclaimer

Respondents are prohibited from including in the RFI any information that the respondent considers to be a "trade secret," as that term is defined in Section 1333.61(D) of the Ohio Revised Code. All information submitted in response to this RFI is public information under Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code unless a statutory exception exists that exempts it from public release.

The AGO shall consider all responses voluntarily submitted to be free of trade secrets, and such responses if opened by the AGO will, in their entirety, be made a part of the public record, and shall become the property of the AGO, pursuant to ORC § 149.43.

## Section VI - Response Submission Procedures

Responses must be submitted in electronic format and e-mailed to: [Procurement@ohioattorneygeneral.gov](mailto:Procurement@ohioattorneygeneral.gov). The submission must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on September 4, 2020. No other method of

submission will be accepted. Respondents will receive a confirmation e-mail within one business day of receipt of response.

Responses should be converted into one single .pdf document attached to the e-mail. If the submission's size necessitates more than the one .pdf document to contain the entire response, please use the fewest separate .pdf documents possible.

All submissions must be received by the specified deadline. Materials received after the deadline will not be added to any previously received submissions. Submissions must contain the organization's name, the RFI title and number, and the submission date. The electronic copy may be used by the AGO for archiving and Public Records Requests. The AGO will accept submissions at any time prior to the posted submission deadline (date and time). The AGO is not responsible for submissions incorrectly addressed or sent to any email other than the address specified above.

## **Section VII – Additional Information**

Respondents should note that no contract will be awarded pursuant to this RFI and that responding to, or not responding to, this RFI will neither increase nor decrease any respondent's chance of being awarded a contract from a subsequent solicitation by the AGO. Please be advised as well that the contents of your response will be considered public information and will be made available upon request by interested parties.

All responses and other material submitted will become the property of the AGO and may be returned only at AGO's option. Proprietary information should not be included in a response or supporting materials because AGO will have the right to use any materials or ideas submitted in any response without compensation to the respondent.

Thank you for your efforts to provide the AGO with your suggestions, comments and relevant information to assist with this project.