

# REQUEST FOR QUOTE

## Questions & Answers

ISSUED: 07/01/2021

RFQ NUMBER: BWC220129

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: July 20, 2021, 2:00 P.M. ET

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is requesting quotes for:

### Consulting Services to Perform a Mainframe Modernization Study

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Q: Is there a move to the cloud being considered part of this initiative, or is the target ecosystem all On-Premise?

A: There is no expectation as to a specific solution platform. The selected vendor is expected to work with BWC staff to determine appropriate solution(s) to migrate business functionality off the mainframe platform.

Q: Are there any time limits on this assessment engagement?

A: BWC expect the vendor to provide the expected duration for the assessment, not to exceed six months.

Q: Given the use of CA:GEN – are the custom COBOL programs primarily for reporting, or do they implement core Business Logic?

A: Both.

Q: In addition, prepare a fee schedule – please provide indicative time per application to conduct the assessment.

A: BWC has no position on the duration of assessment for each application, as long as all deliverables are completed, and business functionality is covered by the assessment.

Q: Will State of Ohio BWC consider open-source solutions as part of this study?

- a. e.g., infrastructure open-source hypervisor (Xen, etc.)
- b. e.g., platform open-source LINUX (ubuntu, etc.)
- c. e.g., application/software open-source (Drupal, etc.)

A: There is no expectation as to a specific solution platform. The selected vendor is expected to work with BWC staff to determine appropriate solution(s) to migrate business functionality off the mainframe platform.

Q: Can you make available a current list of applications running on your mainframe environment, including information on numbers of servers, and databases in use?

A: Appendix 1 lists all of the applications running on the mainframe. The exception is Core Suite which is not a mainframe application.

Q: There are several sections in Supplement A that describe the State of Ohio's complete IT architecture. Some of these areas appear to us to be not applicable to this scope. Can we get clarity on which items are in-scope vs. out-of-scope?

A: Supplement A is a list of current OIT approved technologies/platforms. This list is not "in or out of scope"; the list is provided as reference of available state platforms. Any number (or none) of the technologies may be leveraged for the final recommended solutions.

Q: Can you provide list of software installed on Mainframe?

A: See Technical Environment Section in Appendix 2 of the RFQ.

Q: Can you provide list of all Programming Languages used?

A: BWC is a COBOL shop but does have limited use of SAS.

Q: Can you provide list of all Data Types (DB2, PDS, VSAM....) used?

A: Data storage is DB2, VSAM, and PDS.