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December 11, 2018

TO: All Respondents of Record
FROM: **Eric Crockett**
RE: Responses to Questions and Clarifications
Computer Equipment RFI #JCLM19REG0011

The following Request for Proposal (RFP) questions, answers and clarifications are provided to those who have received the Connecticut General Assembly's RFP for the above referenced Request for Proposal.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Connecticut General Assembly procurements.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Please note that the deadline for receipt of all responses is **December 20, 2018 at 12:00pm (noon)** at the Office of Legislative Management, Room 5100 Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 5100; Hartford, Connecticut 061106-1591. The CGA reserves the right to reject any proposal responses received after the above referenced date.

2. Is there a listing of what is to be submitted with the responses?

Part D of the Request for Proposal includes a list of required elements that shall be included in all responses. **Any response not including these elements is subject to disqualification.**

3. Will the state release a separate solicitation to acquire the equipment? Will any subsequent contract be a master contract, or will it be awarded to one vendor for a set amount? When does the state anticipate the procurement?

Procurement details have not been finalized. Future procurement plans will be dependent on the evaluation of proposals and demonstration equipment through this RFI. Should the CGA move forward to procure new computer equipment, a bid solicitation would likely be posted within the next five to seven months.

4. Can we offer you a Lenovo Desktop that meets the specifications listed in the RFI for evaluation? (Instead of Dell)

Yes, please propose equipment that meets the specifications. The CGA has no preference of any particular brand and is open to testing all equipment that meets or exceeds the minimum specifications outlined in the RFI.

5. When units are chosen from RFI as the ones to move forward, any idea of the quantities that will be purchased and the time frame?

Exact quantities have not yet been determined. In 2012, the CGA requested pricing for 565 units of the Lenovo ThinkPad X220 and 500 units of the Dell Optiplex 990 Small Form Factor. Should the CGA move forward to procure new computer equipment, a bid solicitation would likely be posted within the next five to seven months.

6. Can we propose a Lenovo desktop that exceeds your specifications and can support up to six monitors?

Yes, please propose a desktop workstation that meets the specifications and can support a minimum of two monitors.

7. We don't see a "cost response sheet" so are you only looking for information of proposed models at this time and not exact pricing?

This is a Request for Information in which the CGA is requesting information regarding available technology specifically for a portable workstation below \$1,500 each, docking station included, and for a desktop workstation below \$750 each. Pricing would be requested if a RFP is published for laptops, docking stations and desktop workstations.

8. Do you need any monitors? If so, what is the size monitor and do you need 3 year and 5 year warranty options?

No, the CGA does not have a current need for monitors.

9. On the Portable Workstation, you ask for Keyboard USB Standard. A keyboard comes with the laptop, do you want a second external USB Keyboard?

Yes.

10. On the Portable Workstation, for the Dock you ask for: Dock: Capable of supporting multiple monitors, minimum 4 USB 3.1 (at least one type C) ports, ability to charge to portable workstation. How many monitors do you need to support? Are these ports correct? Do you have any flexibility with ports to reduce price?

Docking stations must support a minimum of two monitors. Ports are correct. Please propose equipment that meets or exceeds the minimum specifications. Respondents may additionally propose alternative equipment that closely meets minimum specifications for the evaluation committee's review.

11. On the Desktop Workstation, please confirm required ports. Is it ok to have:
- In front: 2x USB 3.1 Gen2, 2x USB 3.1 Gen1, 1x USB 3.1 Type-C Gen1 (15W charging).
 - In back do you need a second: 1x USB 3.1 Type-C Gen 1

The RFI specifies that required ports for the Desktop Workstation must be, at minimum, 4 USB 3.1 Type C (2 in front), RJ45 GB Ethernet, audio in/out. Please propose equipment that meets or exceeds the minimum specifications.

12. Request is for Desktop Ports: minimum 4 USB 3.1 Type C (2 in front). Would the CGA accept:
- Rear: USB 3.1 ports (4), USB 2.0 ports (2)
 - Front: USB 2.0 ports (2), USB 3.1 ports (1), USB 3.1 Type-C (1)

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13. Dock requirement states minimum 4 USB 3.1 (at least one type C) ports. Is the CGA okay with 4 USB 3.0 with at least one Type C port, or 3 USB 3.0, 2 USB 2.0, and one TBT port?

The RFI specifies that required ports for the dock must be, at minimum, 4 USB 3.1 (at least one type C) ports, ability to charge to portable workstation. Please propose equipment that meets or exceeds the minimum specifications.

14. Can you get clarification on their meaning of "workstation"? It seems the term "workstation" is being used interchangeably with notebook and desktop.

The Portable Workstation can be interchangeably used with portable computer, laptop, or notebook and the Desktop Workstation can be interchangeably used with desktop computer.

15. Is enterprise manageability required on the docking station?

No.

16. VPro is not listed as a requirement, can you confirm vPro is not required for either the Desktop or laptop?

Intel vPro processor technology is not a requirement.