

3120003270 Questions and Answer I

IFB # 3120003270 DNA Testing Services for MSFL

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Question

1. Have any of the sites associated with this project had any major Security or Information Technology upgrades/retrofits/integrations projects that affected its security posture within the last two years?

Answer:

both governor's mansion and capital recently underwent full upgrades of the exterior cameras. Sillers and justice have gradually been upgraded but are not what I would consider to be up to date. However, that is gradually being corrected.

2. Does the MDPS currently have an O&M contractor (third party) on contract that maintains any of the existing Security/IT infrastructure? If so, will this contractor be able to bid on this project?

Answer:

Yes, they do, and no they will not be able to bid on this project.

3. Is there a dedicated (contract or proprietary) Security Staff that oversees security operations for all of the sites associated with this project?

Answer:

Capitol police handle the physical security of all properties by providing officers to secure the buildings. DPS internal security is over the technological security (cameras, access entries, and etc...).

4. Has the MDPS worked with any Security Consulting firm to develop this RFP?

Answer:

No, not to my knowledge.

5. Will after hour access to some of the areas associated with this project be granted? Due to normal hour operations, throughput rates, technical evaluations and risk evaluations, access to some project areas after hour would be needed to conduct area evaluations.

Answer:

with escort to select areas, subject to background checks, non-disclosure agreements etc.

6. What type of Electronic Security System(s) (Intrusion Detection, Access Control, CCTV, Duress, etc.) are in place at the sites associated with this project? When were these systems installed? Mississippi State Capitol located ;Walter Sillers Building located ;Gartin Justice Building located ;Governor's Mansion located.

Answer:

All sites have cctv. None utilize intrusion, all but governor's mansion has access control. Access to Sillers and justice was installed in 2010. Most have been replaced over the years. Most recent overhaul of the state access control system took place in 2020. Our CCTV system was overhauled around the same time.

7. Are the existing Electronic Security System Components (CCTV, Access Control, Intrusion Detection) in a standalone or corpnet configuration?

Answer:

CCTV and Access are centrally managed by MDPS Internal Security in a corpnet type configuration.

8. Are they part of a Wide Area Computer Network or Local Area Computer Network?

Answer:

Local computer network.

9. Has a full functional test ever been conducted on the Electronic Security System Components (CCTV, Access Control, Intrusion Detection, Duress) that are in place at the facilities? Can the results of these tests, to include any maintenance logs, be provided to the vendor awarded this contract?

Answer:

Part 1: Yes. Part 2: As needed on a case-by-case basis.

10. Are 'As Installed' lists and/or 'As Builts' available that outline the make and models (field components, electronic security system network components and transportation type) and locations for the existing electronic security systems (CCTV, Access Control, Intrusion Detection and Duress) associated with this project? Will this information be provided to the vendor awarded this contract?

Answer

Part 1: Yes, on Some. Most can be generated on demand within our software. Part 2: As needed, by written request, on a case-by-case basis.

11. Do any of the Electronic Security System Devices (Access Control, Duress, Intrusion Detection, CCTV, etc.) report to a Proprietary Security Operations Center, Contracted Security Operations Center or Contracted Monitoring station? If so, should these areas be part of the project efforts?

Answer:

No and No.

12. Has any form of scenario-based security incident response exercises/training been conducted at the sites associated with this project? If so, will copies of the reports related to these exercises be provided to the vendor awarded this contract?

Answer:

No

13. There is a parking garage that seems to be attached to the Walter Sillers Building located at 550 High Street; is this parking garage part of this assessment?

Answer

Yes

14. Are there any underground passageways between any of the sites that are associated with this assessment?

Answer

No

15. Page 10, Section 3, 3.1 Insurance line two lists network security and/or privacy liability. Would this requirement be applicable to this project that does not have cyber security associated with the scope of work?

Answer:

Contractors should have either (1) privacy liability insurance, (2) network security and privacy liability insurance, or (3) an equivalent policy. Both are not required; however the policy should cover claims which may arise from failure of the Contractor to ensure the security of not public data stored on the State's documents, including but not limited to electronic data, paper, microfilms, microfiche, magnetic computer tapes, cassette tapes, photographic negatives, photos, hard disks, floppy disks, and carbon sheets, while in the Contractor's care, custody, and control.

15. RFP Section 1.4, Page 5, Please clarify if registration in the State of Mississippi is required at proposal submission or within seven (7) business days of being offered an award. Paragraph 1.4, Page 5 states that submission indicates a certification that registration is complete or a commitment to do so within seven (7) business days of award. However, Section 1.12, Page 7 states that all vendors must be registered in the State of Mississippi, and Section 4.2.2, Page 12 states Registration with the Secretary of State is a required Additional Document. Is registration required at submission?

Answer:

As listed in RFP page five (5) section 1.4 By submitting a proposal, the respondent certifies that it is registered to do business in the State of Mississippi as prescribed by the Mississippi Secretary of State or, if not already registered, that it will do so within seven (7) business days of being offered an award.

16. Page 8-Was a security assessment done in the past? If so, when? If so, will a copy be provided upon award to the consultant.

Answer:

Service has not been provided

18. Section 1.11- Amendments- Page 7

Although it is noted, bid award on 2/5/26, contract starts around 3/11/26. Is funding in place? And if not, when will funding be allocated for this project in 2026?

Answer:

Funding availability will be determined prior to issuance of award.

19. Section 2.3.1.1-Requirements-Page 9

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20. Section 2.2-Scope of Services-Page 8

What video surveillance, access control, intercom systems, cameras, card readers, turnstiles, or any other electronic security systems manufacturers are in use at all four locations? –

Answer:

Video: Axis or Hanwha Cameras, Centrally Managed Salient software on dell servers.

Access control: Mercury hardware, AWID or Multi tech readers, Aiphone Intercoms, no turnstiles.

21. Section 2.2-Scope of Services- Page 8

Are all these buildings existing electronic security systems being centrally monitored in a Security Operations Center? If so, where is this located?

Answer:

Yes, both at Capitol police and locally.

22. Section 2.2-Scope of Services- Page 8

Please confirm square footage of buildings and the adjacent complexes in scope, i.e., parking garage attached to Sillers Building, other underground areas, etc.

Answer:

Woolfolk – 446,616 Square Feet

Woolfolk annex – 34,143 Square Feet

Woolfolk Garage – 156,798 Square Feet

Sillers building – 292,145 Square Feet

Sillers Garage – 240,840 Square Feet

Supreme Court building – 253,943 Square Feet

Governor's Mansion – 11,448 Square Feet

State Capitol Bldg. – 135, 446 Square Feet

Gartin Parking Garage - 30,336 Square Feet

23. Section 2.3-Term- Page 9

What are the expectations for the type of work to be completed in Years 2 and 3?

Answer:

No expectations at this time.

24. Attachment G-Offeror Questionnaire- Page 30

Question 9 requests a list of other contracts, including contact information. We respectfully ask whether the Department would consider waiving the requirement to include contact details for these contracts, as the individuals associated with them are not being provided as references and vendors may wish to maintain client confidentiality. Please note that references, along with full contact information, are provided in a separate section of the proposal response.

Answer:

We will not consider waving this requirement.

25. Section 2.2, Page 8, Vendor Question/Request for Clarification: Will the Mississippi Department of Public Safety provide physical escorts for the on-site assessments, or will the awarded vendor be provided with badges, keys, and Letters of Authorization to access the buildings?

Answer:

Whomever is awarded the contract will have to submit to the same screening and background requirements as any other contractor. Physical escorts will be provided in sensitive areas of the buildings, but common areas will be handled on a case-by-case basis or as needed.

26. Section 2.3.1, Page 9, Vendor Question/Request for Clarification: What is the anticipated budget or total funding available for the initial 12-month term of this contract?

Answer:

Will be determined prior to issuance of award.

27. Section 2.2, Page 8, Vendor Question/Request for Clarification: Are the security assessments for each of the four listed buildings required to be submitted as separate, individual reports, or should they be compiled into one single consolidated report?

Answer:

Both.

28. Section 1.1, Page 2, Vendor Question/Request for Clarification: Regarding the submission of the original and 5 copies: should these be submitted unbound, bound, or in three-ring binders? Additionally, can the package be submitted via email in lieu of physical copies?

Answer:

Proposals should be bound and submitted in a sealed envelope or packaged to Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Procurement Department, 4th Floor, Room 402, 1900 East Woodrow Wilson Boulevard, Jackson, MS 39216. Emailed proposals are not acceptable.

29. RFP Section 1.1, Proposal Requirement, Page 2

Are “wet” signatures (pen and ink) required on all six copies of the proposal and associated documents or are digital signatures acceptable?

Answer:

The original proposal must have original signature, digital signature is acceptable for the remaining five (5) copies.

30. Section 2.2, Page 8, is a blast analysis required as part of the proposal, based on the last sentence in the paragraph? “...improvements in the architectural structure of a facility to increase its protective capabilities.

Answer:

Yes

31. Section 2.2, Page 8, Are there specific security assessment frameworks or standards the Department prefers or requires for these assessments?

Answer:

No

32. Section 2.2, Page 8, Is there a previous security assessment that will be provided to the awarded vendor to be used as a reference for the project?

Answer:

No

33. Section 2.2, Page 8, Are there as-built drawings of security systems that will be provided to the awarded vendor to be used as a reference for the project?

Answer:

Limited availability

34. Section 2.2, Page 8, Are there inventories of existing physical security systems that will be provided to the awarded vendor to be incorporated into the project?

Answer:

Limited availability

35. Section 2.2, Page 8, Does the Department desire a security risk assessment to be completed as part of the security assessments?

Answer:

Yes

36. Section 2.2, Page 8, Is there a previous security risk assessment that will be provided to the awarded vendor for use as a reference in the project?

Answer:

No

37. Section 2.2, Page 8, Are there floor plans for the facilities that will be provided to the awarded vendor for use as a reference in the project?

Answer:

Limited availability

38. Section 2.2, Page 8, Does the department have existing contracts with an integrator or security system managed service provider for the installation and maintenance of existing systems? If so, are they authorized to submit on this procurement?

Answer:

No and No

39. Section 2.2, Page 8, Who are the department's existing security services provider(s)?

Answer:

Salient Systems and Acre Technologies

40. Section 2.2, Page 8, Who does the Department contract with for security guard services? Are they authorized to offer this opportunity?

Answer:

Capitol police handle the physical security of all properties by providing officers to secure the buildings

41. Section 2.2, Page 8, Are cost estimates for recommended security improvements desired as part of the scope of work?

Answer:

Yes

42. Section 2.2, Page 8, Is the assessment of cybersecurity for networked physical security systems (e.g., IP-cameras, switches, bridges, physical security information systems, etc.) included in the scope of work?

Answer:

This is currently constantly audited by DPS IT.

43. RFP Section 2.2, Scope of Services, Pages 8-9

Does the security assessment include the entire Walter Sillers Building (all departments and offices within the Sillers Building)?

Answer:

Yes

43. If the security assessment is limited to select floors or offices of the Sillers Building, could you clarify how many individual departments and how many floors are in scope for the assessment?

Answer:

All 19 floors are within the scope of this assessment. The Walter-Sillers Building is made of State of Mississippi Medicaid Division (Floors 2-10), The Mississippi Attorney General's Office (Floors 11-17), and the State of Mississippi Governor's Office (Floors 18 and 19).

44. Does the security assessment of any of the facilities include any parking structure or parking lots? If so, please provide relevant details of these facilities.

Answer:

Yes. The security assessment should include the three (3) parking structures connected to the Gartin Building, Walter-Sillers Building, and Woolfolk Building. The assessment should also include all the parking lots associated with the building in this project.

*****ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS****

Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to the solicitation by signing and returning the amendment with the bid. The acknowledgement must be received by DPS at the time and at the place specified for receipt of bids.

All other terms and conditions remain the same as listed in the invitation for bid.

For more information or questions regarding this IFB, please contract Britney Wesley at 601-987-1407, by fax at 601-987-1442 or by email at bjwesley@dps.ms.gov. You may also contact

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I acknowledge and accept all the terms and conditions of the Invitation for Bid amendments. I hereby certify that I am authorized to sign for my company.

Signature

Date

Name (Printed)

Date