

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT NO. RFP 17-20

Oracle SuperCluster

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NO. 1

Date: October 14, 2016

To: Prospective Respondents

From: Procurement Operations Department, Houston Community College

Subject: Questions and Answers Responses

1. Does Houston Community College require any training on this requested hardware? The word train is referenced below but there is no description of what type of training is wanted. Please clarify and expand if any training is required.

Reference Section 1 Page 3 – Scope of Services:

“Contractor shall be required to furnish all resources, services, labor, material, equipment, and supplies necessary and required to supply, deliver, install train and set in place.”

Exhibit No. 1 has standard Oracle services for installation and software configuration. There is no mention of any “install train”.

Answer: Vendors are to propose the detailed part numbers and quantities as specified in the solicitation, training is not part of the specification and HCC will not be purchasing training through this RFP.

2. What training is Houston Community College requesting? Does HCC have additional requirements for services not listed in this RFP? Do you have a requirement for services other than what is listed in the standard Oracle part numbers listed in Exhibit No. 1? Does HCC want services for a migration from old servers to this new hardware? If so, please provide the detail and scope.

Reference Section 4 Page 9 – Tab 3 - ii

“Provide a detailed implementation/project plan with projected start and end dates of completion for each task from delivery of equipment through training and final acceptance of equipment by HCC.”

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3. Will you consider responses that do not detail any work for a small business practice? This RFP seems to request hardware and install project, if there are no additional services, where does HCC see an opportunity to sub-contract out any work?

Reference Section 4.5.h – Tab 6:

Answer: As noted in the solicitation, for this project HCC has identified a Best Effort small business participation goal. Any proposal that includes an HCC certified small business participation commitment in delivering the scope of services of this solicitation may be eligible for up to the maximum evaluation criteria point available for Small Business Practice.

4. Would Houston Community College System (HCCS) consider signing a Transactional Oracle Master Agreement (TOMA), if the proposal submitted is to the best interest of HCCS or the best price and selected for award? The Transactional Oracle Master Agreement (TOMA) is Oracle's standard license agreement covering the general legal and business terms and definitions governing the use of Oracle programs and hardware.

Answer: All vendor contracts/agreements must go through a legal review and approval process by HCC's Office of General Counsel before obligating the college. As such, HCC cannot commit to signing any suggested agreement at this time. If any agreement is required as part of the vendor's proposal, the agreement should be included with the proposal response for consideration.

5. In Price Worksheet provided, would HCCS consider other options for the software licenses for RAC if the cost of the line item would be a savings to the project?

Answer: HCC will be using the RAC software as outlined in the RFP and is not considering other options.

6. SECTION 2 – Price Proposal, Question 7, Are you expecting a response from Proposer on this item?

Answer: Item 7 Price Evaluation is not a question; it is intended to illustrate the formula that will be used to calculate complete and responsive price proposals that meet the solicitation requirements as defined.

7. SECTION 4 – Instructions to Proposers, Section 4.f - Regarding the following statement: "The electronic copies should be in non-editable .PDF format and should include the entire submission, including an individual separate file containing your price proposal." Can the electronic copy be on CD or Flash Drive? Should the Price Proposal file and the Technical Proposal file be on the same CD (or flash drive) or on two separate CDs (or flash drives)?

Answer: The entire proposal can be saved to a single (one) electronic media device, provided the files are clearly labeled as noted in the referenced submission requirement.