

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2019-028
Higher Education Power BI Consulting Services
RESPONSE ADDENDUM #02
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QUESTIONS

1. Do you have Visual Studio?

Answer: Yes

2. Is the plan to install Report Server on a separate server from SQL Server (for security)?

Answer: Yes

3. Will the Power BI Report Server be physically located in the same network/data center as the PeopleSoft Source system?

Answer: Initially, yes. We are expecting the system to scale, and we will leverage PowerBI cloud functionality at some point in the future. One of the key things we are looking for is a "flexible" architecture that can grow as our needs grow while not being "overbuilt" during the initial deployment.

4. What is the expectation from the Systems team with regard to deployment (the 'who is doing what' question)

a. Would the team like us to do the full implementation of the system? Would they us to design the architecture and have them deploy it?

Answer: it is expected that the UMS team will be the primary team for the implementation. Depending on the exact situation, we may seek 'screen-sharing' support, but full implementation services are not in-scope for this request. Guidance on implementation best practices is in scope.

b. Do we want to make considerations for High Availability and Load Balancing of the report server and web interface?

Answer: Our end goal is guidance on establishing an environment that meets our initial needs with a plan (or roadmap) on how it grows as our requirements grow.

c. Do we want to separate the Web Front End from the Configuration Server and Database?

Answer: (See the answer for 4.b) We are looking for guidance on the proper approach.

5. Does the security team have to validate the software, architecture, deployment, etc.?

Answer: Yes, the UMS team will address this during the implementation.

a. Who will be responsible for user management (creation, permissions to data/reports, etc.)?

Answer: We are expecting user accounts to be sourced from our enterprise directory (so account lifecycle and management is out of scope). We are seeking guidance on permission structures and options within the Power BI infrastructure.

6. Should we get started with paperwork like an NDA and MSA so we don't hit slowdowns later?

Answer: No, the University of Maine System has a standard Master Services Agreement which will be used to begin discussions once the award is made.