CLARIFICATION

Submission Deadline is changed to March 27, 2020, 11:59 p.m. EST.

QUESTIONS

1. Will the vendor selected to do the ERP Assessment be precluded from any future ERP implementation work that the University will need if/when a new ERP is selected?
   ANSWER: No

2. Can we have an extension of 2 weeks to the deadline of March 13th?
   ANSWER: Yes

3. Apart from the cost estimate or rate schedule, there is no request for project staffing, sample bios, or UMS staffing. Are we ok to include such data, perhaps as part of our answer to Evaluation question number 3 “Describe experience and qualifications related to ERP assessment consultations. Include the software system or group of systems with which you have experience.”?
   ANSWER: That is acceptable

4. Bullet 4 under Purpose on Page 7 calls for a “summary of functionality for a unified future-state ERP environment fully supporting the strategic priorities of the UMS, including Unified Accreditation and Collaborative Degree Programs.”

   Outside of the two identified examples above do the supported campuses have unique business processes per functional area or has there been an effort to provide a unified approach across the system? If unique per campus, is the System's desire for the future state to maintain the unique business processes per campus or should the selected firm focus on a future state that provides a unified approach across all campus?

   ANSWER: Work has been underway for several years to establish standardized business processes throughout the UMS, where possible. This work has happened across all campuses and business areas. However, this work is in progress and we envision this assessment helping us to identify areas where further standardization may be necessary to achieve strategic goals and objectives of UMS (e.g., a single unified institutional accreditation covering all campuses). Ultimately, we envision an end state where processes are standardized to meet the needs in alignment with the trajectory of UMS. We acknowledge that some minimal variation may be necessary to accommodate differences in campus size, scope, and business models.