Informing Evidence-Building Capacity among State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal Governments within a National Secure Data Service (IEBC) FAQ

As of 3/8/2024

	Question	Answer
1	Is the requirement to team with organizations from all levels of government (state, local, territorial, tribal) or would a subset be enough?	We do want representation from all governments. Some from state, some local, some territorial, and some tribal. The reason being that outreach approaches in stakeholder engagement approaches will likely differ based on the level of government, so we need to have teaming at each level to ensure appropriate representation.
2	Should the outreach to organizations or people (such as former ACDEB members, ICMA etc.) be done prior to the project/proposal submission or the expectation is to do outreach during the course of the project (together with NCSES)?	This outreach can take place during the course of the project. It is considered part of the outreach efforts to inform the recommendations.
3	Would letters of support from govt agencies be enough for the proposal, or do we need to establish teaming or other types of agreements?	We want you to be able to put together a team to the best of your ability during the proposal development process. If you get a letter of commitment but not individual names, please include that in your proposal. We do encourage that you try to identify actual individuals during the teaming period
4	Are you requiring resumes for all the representatives from all the levels of government involved in the teaming partnership?	If you have the name of a person, we would like a resume.
5	We are a small non-traditional company and will likely only be able to contribute to a part of this effort as a teaming partner, i.e. as a subcontractor and not a prime. Any guidance you have for subcontractors, especially small non-traditional companies?	We strongly encourage those in this category to attend the speed networking events that are associated with the RFS'. Other resources available are the ADC Member Profile Database, the Member Forum on the members only website, and GovMates.
6	Is the list of organizations an exhaustive list for outreach?	It is state, local, territorial, and tribal governments that are active in the CDO. We are open to other outreach; this is just the minimum. We do have suggested organizations listed in the RFS as starting points. That is not exhaustive list for each of those categories, they are just suggestions to help you understand where we are going in terms of outreach and the types of organizations we were thinking of.
7	Are you expecting all teaming partners to be included in the proposal that is submitted in five weeks and that set of partners to include representatives from all levels?	This is our expectation and why we built in some additional time to the schedule. If you already know what organizations you're able to partner with, and you have an agreement underway, but you're not sure of the actual individual, go ahead and put that in the proposal. The most information you can have with teaming is best, because we would like to see what individuals you're going to be working with.

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8	Are the three main reports intended for public dissemination or could they be considered formative with respect to OMB approval processes?	The reports, or portions of, may be released to the public. For outreach, we are planning on using a fast-track clearance for OMB but the vendor should allow for an OMB clearance period of up to 6 months before outreach can take place.
9	The RFS states the due date for proposals is March 18, 2024. However, "Section 2.1 Schedule" (RFS, page 2) indicates "Final decisions on awards are expected by March 2024. Awarded projects will be expected to commence in April 2024." Does ADC anticipate having proposals fully reviewed, evaluated and selection of awards made within the timeframe from the March 18 submission, or is this final decision date accurate? Should offerors expect a decision before April 1?	Once proposals are submitted, evaluations are expected to be completed expeditiously. The project sponsor aims to send out selection notices in late March or early April and make the award by the end of April.
10	This question seeks clarification on the required brief resume (2 pages) and bios for key personnel for the IEBC proposal. Is it the expectation of ADC for resumes to originate from sciENcv as required for NSF submissions, per the PAPP guide? Since this submission is via the ADC CMF link and not via research.gov or grants.gov, please clarify, as RFS, Att 1-Topic document, or FAQ's neither specify the origin or format for the resumes nor do any of these resources specify sciENcv.	The resumes do not need to originate from sciENcv. That's for grant applications so this is completely different.