

## RFP Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

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**To:** Vendors Responding to RFP Number 3662 for the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)

**From:** Craig P. Orgeron, Ph.D.

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**Subject:** Responses to Questions Submitted and Clarifications to Specifications

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The following questions were submitted to ITS and are being presented as they were submitted, except to remove any reference to a specific vendor. This information should assist you in formulating your response.

**Question 1:** Question 133 from RFP Questions and Clarifications Memorandum dated August 15, 2011

The State indicates that the data dictionaries for each source system will be provided to the awarded Vendor. We ask that you consider offering the data dictionaries to prospective bidders. The quality, breadth and depth of information in a data dictionary is a critical component of determining the amount of effort to extract data from source systems, including MSIS.

**Response:** **MDE does not have complete data dictionaries for all of the source systems that are readily available to provide to Vendors. MDE's response to Question 133 in the RFP Questions and Clarifications Memorandum dated August 15, 2011 was meant to indicate that MDE has data descriptions and quantifiable data elements that are typical for any State Department of Education and are used in satisfying Federal reporting requirements. MDE realizes that they will have to work with the awarded Vendor to identify the data elements needed for the Data Warehouse/Business Intelligence system and assist the awarded Vendor with the data mapping.**

**Question 2:** Is it possible for a vendor to submit two cost proposals? One for “on site” and one for “remote”?

**Response:** **The solution will be hosted by MDE. MDE is not considering externally hosted or SaaS solutions.**

RFP responses are due September 30, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time).

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Donna Hamilton at 601-432-8114 or via email at [Donna.Hamilton@its.ms.gov](mailto:Donna.Hamilton@its.ms.gov).

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