

## RFP Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

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**To:** Vendors Responding to RFP Number 3710 for the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH)

**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:** Section VII, Item 7.4, pg. 40: Can you provide specifications for the integration with your wholesaler Morris & Dickson?

**Response:** As a general rule of thumb Morris & Dickson can provide and accept updates using the below ANSI standards. Files are published on a secure server. Once a vendor is selected, Morris & Dickson will need to work with the Vendor to get everything set up and finalized to ensure the process is working correctly.

**Price updates – 832**

**Purchase Orders – 850**

**Order Acknowledgement – 855**

**Question 2:** Section VII, Item 7.11, pg. 40: Can you provide any specifications for the integration with the Parata PACMED system their wholesaler?

**Response:** Please see attached specifications document.

**Question 3:** Can you please more thoroughly describe the vendors responsibilities for the data conversion in general and more specifically what if any responsibility the vendor would have for extracting data from the current system?

**Response:** **The Vendor's responsibility includes all data conversion from the legacy system to the new system with validation checks and specific mapping criteria. Design efforts will be in coordination with staff from the MSDH Office of Informatics. Data will not be extracted from the current system; rather, the data will be provided for this task as outlined in Section VII, Item 8.5.**

**Question 4:** Section VII, Item 8.4 describes the database requirements. It would appear to us that a number of these requirements are more appropriate for a custom application build as opposed to a purchase of a COTS application that is already developed and in use? (e.g., 8.4.12, 8.4.14, 8.4.18, 8.4.20)

**Response:** **You are correct; however, your database needs to follow these requirements.**

**Question 5:** Section VII, Item 8.4.21 describes data retention requirements for the system, limiting the active data tables to 2 years of data and requiring supplemental tables for historical data. These requirements seem limiting based upon hardware and software capabilities available today. Can the state translate this requirement into a performance requirement allowing vendors to provide the desired performance level utilizing the most appropriate technology solution for their platform?

**Response:** **The state concurs that purging and archiving is not necessary with today's technology; however, Vendor needs to respond to section VII, Items 9.2.3 and 9.4 in detail to address the storage and performance for their platform.**

RFP responses are due June 4, 2013, 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).

Attachment: PACMED Server + Interface Specification

cc: ITS Project File Number 39219