**KAECSES CSE Re-Platform Request for Information Questions**

1. RFI Process, p.10: The department has provided both mailing address and email for RFI Coordinator. Our understanding is the RFI Response will be submitted via email.
   1. Is there a limit on the file size for the email submission of the RFI Response?

25mb

* 1. Is the department expecting .docx file or can we submit in .pdf file?

Either is acceptable

1. RFI Response Guidelines, p.10: Is RFI response section "8. Attach any supporting documentation." included in 50 pages limit of narrative or appendices?

No, it is not part of the 50 pages

1. Appendix 2, p.14: Can the department provide estimated number of lines of code for CA:Gen and COBOL?

There are approximately 12 million lines of code.

1. Technical Background, p.5: Currently the department is using Top Secret for access control, are there any identify and access management tools that the department is using or looking to use for the migrated system?

Ideally the converted application will integrate with DCF State Active Directory for authentication. The vendor can provide recommendations on how to accommodate this request.

1. RFI Response Guidelines, p.9: Please clarify or elaborate “costs incrementally by system” in the following RFI requirement? “A high-level project schedule with estimated implementation time and costs incrementally by system.”

On page 4 the State has provided a roadmap showing Release 1 – 6. Each release would be a system in this definition. DCF would like to see the base (Release 1) Schedule and cost followed by release 2 estimated Schedule and cost, etc.

1. Is DCF’s ultimate goal to have the system out of CA Gen?

Yes

1. Can we use CA Gen to re-platform to windows SQL server?

Immediately after conversion, and for the long-term solution, the converted code should be maintainable using standard Microsoft development tools such as Visual Studio in a Windows environment. There should be no long-term dependency on any proprietary vendor software. Temporary dependency on proprietary software for a yet to be determined transition period is acceptable (with continued development in CA Gen/ongoing conversion as well as .NET development).

1. What technology does DCF want the new windows written in?

The vendor should offer solutions for this with long term viability and maintainability in mind (technology support, development resources, etc). The current direction the state is moving to is a SQL server/.NET

1. Are all the external action blocks in COBOL? Further, would DCF consider any of the EAB’s complex?  Are all the EAB’s required for the new platform?

DCF would not consider any of the EABs complex. All externals should be targeted to the new environment.

1. Will the new platform be required to interface with the mainframe interfaces? If so, what technology can be used for that?

CSS currently relies on information from another State agency application (KEES). That information is interfaced to DB2 sync tables on the DCF mainframe utilizing Golden Gate. The converted system will need to continue to access the mainframe DB2 tables for the DCF Master Person Index as well as other KEES sync information unless an alternate solution is identified. The vendor should offer suggestions for such. The current Child Support system also exchanges interface data with Federal, State and private business partners using fixed length and delimited files. Little to no changes to external partner interfaces are desired (formats, layouts, timing, etc.) to limit the need for business partner participation with the system modernization project.

1. In October 2018, the State provided an ‘Information Gathering exercise’ to vendors that included the Kansas CSE Systems Project Approach and Questionnaire v0.5. Can the State provide additional detail and background on its decision to switch from using a transfer system (e.g., Delaware) to re-platforming its CSE system per the current RFI.

The State has chosen a new direction. Details of such decision are not available.

1. The State mentions .NET and SQL Server as preferred platforms for the CSE System Re-Platform RFI. Would the State consider a more modern approach using Microsoft Dynamics that most likely would result in a lower total cost of ownership in the long-term?

The State is willing to consider MS Dynamics and what it can do. It is unclear if Microsoft Dynamics can be produced by a code conversion or if a vendor would be required to perform code analysis and manual configuration of the product. The State is interested specifically in code conversion and is not interested in a manual configuration of a product.