

Request For Statement of Qualifications



City of Columbus
Department of Technology

May 24, 2021

1. Project Description

In 2019, The City of Columbus procured a Data Management Platform (DMP) that consists of two platforms: Talend and Cloudera. The DMP is being developed under the auspices of the Data and Analytics Services (DAS) Section of the DoT. The DAS section's mission is to enable and encourage City departments to manage, share, and publish data that unleashes public and private sector innovation with open data and empowers data driven decision-making throughout the City.

Talend Data Fabric is the City's enterprise data integration tool that enables Department of Technology Data Engineers to develop real-time and batch data integrations between the existing line of business applications deployed by various City Departments. Talend Data Fabric streamlines the process of designing, developing, and deploying data integration jobs, web services, and data quality routines. The City is now in need of additional software, technical support, training, and professional services to further enhance/expand its Talend platform.

2. Needs & Requirements

The Department of Technology's DAS team is seeking qualified vendors to provide additional software, technical support, training, and professional services related to the development of data integrations using Talend Data Fabric and configuration of Talend Data Fabric enterprise infrastructure.

The qualified vendors are required to have staff with the following experience:

Talend Enterprise Infrastructure

- Experienced in supporting enterprise configurations of Talend leveraging both Windows and Linux host operating systems.
- Experienced in scaling Talend Data Integration jobs and Enterprise Service Bus routes.
- Proficient in installing and configuring Talend Enterprise Service Bus in enterprise environments.

Talend Data Integration Job & Enterprise Service Bus Job Development

- Experienced in developing Data Integration Jobs that leverage a combination of web services and traditional RDMS.
- Experienced in developing Web Services, and Routes using Talend Studio that leverage Talend Enterprise Service Bus.
- Experienced in developing Data Integration Jobs that leverage Cloudera/HDFS.
- Experienced in using Talend Studio to design, develop, and deploy Data Integration jobs that leverage industry best practices for reusability and contextualization.

Service Delivery

- Experienced in delivering Talend Data Integration Jobs, Talend Enterprise Service Bus jobs on time and within budget.
- Experienced in developing implementation plans and test plans.
- Experienced in producing / providing clear documentation for all deliverables.

3. Qualifications/Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria for any contract awarded under this section shall include, but need not be limited to the following:

- (1) **The competence** of the offeror to perform the required service as indicated by the technical training, education and experience of the offeror's personnel who would be assigned to perform the work;
- (2) The **ability** of the offeror to perform the required service competently and expeditiously as indicated by the offeror's workload and the availability of necessary personnel, equipment and facilities;
- (3) **Past performance** of the offeror as reflected by the evaluations of the city agency, other city agencies and other previous clients of the offeror with respect to such factors as quality of work, success in controlling costs, and success in meeting deadlines; and
- (4) An environmentally preferable factor except when there is not an environmentally preferable manner in which to carry out the purpose of the contract.

4. Evaluation of Statements of Qualifications (SOQ)

Selection Process. Selection of professional services for this work shall conform to all applicable requirements of Columbus City Codes, 1959, particularly Section 329.12 thereof. All offerors, and all subcontract entities proposed, shall have City of Columbus Contract Compliance Certificate Numbers (CCCN's). Offerors shall provide a listing of CCCN's for themselves and their proposed subcontractors on the form provided by the DOW (Qualification Questionnaire, attached), or shall include completed applications for certification. Applications for certification may be obtained through the electronic vendor portal at <http://vendors.columbus.gov/sites/public> or from City of Columbus, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, 1111 East Broad St. 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43205 or by calling (614) 645-4764.

4.1 Evaluation Committee: The selection process shall be conducted by an Evaluation Committee of representatives from the Department of Technology. Representatives on the evaluation committee will be determined at a later date.

4.2 Selection Schedule: Projects that may be awarded from this RFSQ are anticipated to begin during the second quarter of 2021 and potentially could last approximately 3 years.

4.3 Statement of Qualification Evaluation Criteria and Points available:

| SOQ Evaluation Criteria: | Total Maximum Points |
|---|-----------------------------|
| i Competence of Offeror (50): The ability, capacity, skill, reputation, experience and responsiveness of the firm and its staff to perform the contract and provide the services required with experience in similar types of contracts | 50 |
| ii Firm’s Past Performance with other customers (25): Reference Check | 20 |
| iii Ability to respond quickly and thoroughly to requests and contract requirements | 30 |
| Total Available Points: | 100 |

Firms or individuals **may** be selected for oral interviews. An additional 50 points **may** be assigned to the interview process.

After the above activity has occurred, a single firm or individual will be identified that will be best able to provide data-center services to the City. Those firms or individual and the City will enter into a standard City professional services agreement incorporating the terms and conditions of this RFQ document and the response of the successful firms/individual.

Once awarded, the successful firm or individual will submit on-going quotations for statements of work issued against this RFSQ purchased via separate purchase orders for each statement of work over the duration of the resultant professional services contract.

4.4 SOQ Evaluation. SOQs will be evaluated by the Evaluation Committee based on the criteria indicated in this document. Individual evaluations shall be combined into a consensus evaluation. The evaluation shall be submitted to the Director for review and approval.

5.0 Notice of Offeror’s Conference

The DMP team will hold a 30 minute WebEx conference on Thursday June 3rd to answer any questions related to the RFSQ. WebEx Meeting Information below:

Join from the meeting link

<https://cocmeetings.webex.com/cocmeetings/j.php?MTID=mfcd01bc6d84c2ef12eb0711aa35110e2>

Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): 172 745 5428

Meeting password: SEc2hPYqr59

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

[+1-650-479-3207](tel:+1-650-479-3207), [1727455428###](tel:+1-650-479-3207) Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

Join by phone

1-650-479-3207 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

[Global call-in numbers](#)