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1. Is it possible to get more details on the list of vendors for the FDsys project, such as e-mail and phone numbers?
No. GPO did not specifically request contact information from attendees; therefore, we do not have complete contact information on all interested parties.

2. The System Releases and Capabilities document Version 2 describes at high level the functionality requirements of partial FDsys releases. When will a new version of the requirements document (RD v1.0) be available that maps the 946 RD requirements to partial FDsys releases?
The next version of the Requirements Document, RD 1.1, under development, will include the release information for each requirement, as well as an indication if that requirement has an associated specification.

3. Will you be submitting a list of attendees and the slides?
Yes. Please refer to the project web site: http://www.gpo.gov/projects/fdsys.htm

4. Do you have a list of approved software products you have already evaluated for this project? Where can we review this list?
We do not have a list of evaluated products.

5. Does GPO expect the MI to respond to the RFP w/ their recommended solution which would include software and hardware solutions?
The RFP has not yet been formulated. However, we want to stress that GPO intends to collaborate with the MI on the selection of software and hardware solutions.

6. Should software vendors team with select MI's for an overall solution? Or should vendors submit separate responses specific to the six solution clusters and remain independent?
Independent. GPO intends to collaborate with the MI on the selection of all solutions.

7. Will vendor's products be implemented into Release 1?
Yes, as applicable to Release 1.

8. Will Capability Statements remain confidential to GPO personnel only?
They will remain confidential to GPO personnel if requested.

9. Is GPO considering contract types other than firm-fixed (e.g., CPFF or T&M) for the MI?
GPO is looking for feedback from the vendor community. Please include comments in your assessment documentation.

10. Does GPO have approval from the Joint Committee on Printing to proceed with the full scope of the FDsys acquisition (through all releases)? If not, what releases have been approved?
JCP approval is pending, although funding has been authorized.

11. The report, "A Strategic Vision for the 21st Century" dated December 1, 2004, estimates that cost of the new digital content management system for Congressional publications at $29 million over a three year period. (page 14) Given the scope of work defined by the Requirements Document, this amount appears

low. On the same page is the statement that the new GPO building cost of $100 Million is estimated to include $40 Million of equipment, furniture, and fixtures.

A.) Does this $40 Million also include acquisition of hardware, software, and infrastructure components of FDsys?
No

B.) Is the $29 Million estimate intended to include the costs of a FDsys to handle only Congressional publications, excluding publications of other branches of the government?
No

C.) Does the $29 Million estimate include any purchased hardware or software?
Yes

D.) Is GPO staff cost included in the $29 Million estimate?
No

12. At the Industry Day briefings, attendees were told that GPO's desire was for the Master Integrator contract to be Fixed Price, with Cost Plus elements where appropriate. There appears to be a great deal of uncertainty in the scope of work and responsibilities of the Master Integrator (see for example the response to Industry Day question 16: "Will GPO define the technical architecture or will the master integrator? GPO will have a technical architecture, but will collaborate with the master integrator to establish the final architecture." Or Question 28: "How long will the master integrator be required to operate the beta test system before it is turned over to GPO? It depends upon the level of complexity associated with the release. GPO and the master integrator will workout the details for the release.")

A.) Can GPO define at this time what elements of the master integrator contract will be fixed price and what will be cost plus?
No

B.) If this information is not available at this time, will it be made available with the release of the Draft RFP?
Yes

C.) Will the acquisition cost of commercial or developed software and hardware needed for prototyping, development, and implementation of FDsys be included in the master integrator Fixed Price contract?
No

D.) When does GPO expect that the Draft master integrator RFP will be available?
Mid-November 2005

13. Will GPO release a list of the legacy applications that are desired to be migrated into FDsys?
That information will be made available to the MI.

14. Can GPO release information about the separate IV&V contract at this time? If not, can you share the schedule for that RFI/RFP release?
No, not at this time.

15. The "Specifications and Metrics" handout at the Industry Day references in Section 2.1 the "Statistics Book for FY2004 (GPO Internal Document)". Will this be made available?
No.

16. How does FDsys relate to the GPO bookstore procurement? There appears to be overlap in maintaining a library of publications available to the public and making these documents available either electronically or in print?
GPO will issue a position statement in the near future.

17. Page 10 of the CONOPS state that GPO is making a substantial effort to make documents available in a POD environment. How is this or will this be related to FDsys ?
POD is a method of hard copy output, which is a function of FDsys.

18. How will FDsys affect non-fugitive document form (type, format, style, 508 compliance) of documents created by agencies and produced by commercial printers?
The intent of this question is unclear.

19. Will there be a relationship to the Web Harvesting Contract that is pending award and FDsys Procurement?
No

20. Question 36 asked "If my company doesn't win the Master Integrator contract, can I still bid on the FDsys solutions?" Will GPO or the Master Integrator be letting contracts for specific products and services?
GPO intends to collaborate with the MI on the selection of all products and services. The acquisition strategy has not been finalized.

21. Can offshore resources be used as part of the Master Integrator (MI) team, for work offsite or onsite?
This will be specified in the RFP.

22. For the acquisition activities handled by the MI, will the MI be expected to follow specific GPO or Federal Acquisition processes?
This will be specified in the RFP.

23. Will the MI be expected to follow Project Management methodologies outlined by the GPO? If so, please provide us with the documents.
Yes. The SDLC documents will be made available to the MI.

24. Will the MI be expected to follow Software Development & Integration Methodologies outlined by the GPO? If so, please provide us with the documents.
Yes. The SDLC documents will be made available to the MI.

25. Regarding submitting white papers, are you also looking for white papers where a vendor can differentiate themselves from others?
White papers should explain how your product fits our requirements. Follow guidelines in the RFI.

26. (Seeking clarification) During the INFRASTRUCTURE session we thought a comment was made that there may be a separate fund coming from the CIO's account for hardware and COTS/custom software. If this is correct, is there funding outside of the strategic plan's statement of $29M dollars for the 3 year program?
Ongoing infrastructure builds are not part of the $29 million dollar estimate. Only specific FDsys infrastructure needs are included in the estimate.

27. Please provide insight into what GPO perceives as the enablers and the challenges to meeting the published schedule for release delivery dates?
The purpose of the vendor assessment documentation is to better understand what the enablers and challenges will be.

28. Do you believe your budget is sufficient for the program given the functionality you need and the time to get it operational?
Yes.

29. The RFI mentions several user classes. The CONOPS and RD provide some explanation of their roles. Please clarify the difference between the 500 Government service specialists and the 25000 private sector service providers. Also what is the role of the 50 end user information providers and how does it differ from the general public and content creators.
We are currently working to further clarify these terms.

30. The GPO Strategic Vision seems to imply that there will be multiple staff interfaces between GPO and each agency. Which GPO personnel would interface with an agency seems to depend on the product or service provided. The Strategic Vision includes discussions about a National Account Manager, Customer Service Manager, etc. Is the concept that there would be one team per agency (or group of agencies) working together and that the team would be formed from various organizations within GPO? Please expand on this concept to the extent possible.
Information regarding the implementation of GPO's Strategic Vision will be made available over the next 2 years as the reorganization is completed.