Vendor Questions in Response to

Question: Are there two separate development paths, one for system integrators and another for software vendors?
Answer: An acquisition decision and an implementation plan have not been finalized. The information we receive in response to the RFI will assist us in deciding whether or not to contract with a systems integrator and the scope of the contract. If you have a recommendation for proceeding with an integrator or software provider, please address this in your white paper.

Question: When do you expect to make an award?
Answer: We are targeting the award of a contract in 2008.

Question: Will CSR use the content management system selected for FDsys, or will it use a stand-alone system?
Answer: It is GPO's desire to use a common content management system for both FDsys and CSR. However, if the content management solution selected for FDsys does not meet the needs of CSR, an alternative will be implemented.

Question: Does "GPO EA" refer to FDsys, and if not, is any documentation available on this Enterprise Architecture?
Answer: EA refers to the GPO-wide enterprise architecture. Documentation may be provided when the subsequent acquisition nears.

Question: The ConOps document says that "the system will be rules-based." What does this refer to?
Answer: Instead of hard-coding the system, the system is based on rules to ensure system flexibility.

Question: "The system shall provide the capability to carry over a specific tag within a table from page to page." Does 'tag' in this case represent a presentation element or a structural (XML) element?
Answer: This requirement refers to repeating hierarchical headers within the body of a table that spans multiple pages. Please see page 33 of the Requirements Samples Supplement to the Preliminary Requirements Document for an example. The "Chapter I-Continued" heading reestablishes that the second column is part of chapter I.

Question: "The system shall provide the capability of retrieving linked graphics." Does "retrieving" refer to collecting graphics in order to have them available for composition, pre-flight, or archiving?
Answer: Yes

Question: "The system shall provide a default GUI for x..." Is there an implied distinction in the view of the UI for these different roles?

Answer: Yes. Each user role should have access to only the tools they are authorized to use. Therefore the GUI view will be different for each user role. For example, additional toolbars and menu items will be available for administrators that are not accessible to authors.

Question: Are there any requirements for dynamic length / height generation of column rules (lines)? For example, if text flows to 3/4 of a page, should a vertical rule stop at the bottom of the text, or continue down to the bottom of the text body area the remaining 1/4 of the page?
Answer: We do need this functionality. We will add a requirement to the next RD revision.

Question: When referring to text wraps, does this mean block-oriented text-wrap or content-shaped text wraps?
Answer: All text wraps will be rectangular in shape. We do not have a requirement for content-shaped text wraps.

Question: Can you provide or point to the location of the XML Schema(s) or DTD(s) that represent your target XML output format.
Answer: A sample DTD for Congressional Bills is posted at http://xml.house.gov/ DTDs for the majority of other products have yet to be developed.

Question: Please provide definitions for the following terms:

Table models: Convention used to represent tabular relationships between data

CALS: The **CALS Table Model** is a standard for representing tables in SGML/XML.

Type of wrap: Refers to a text wrap which is the ability to wrap text around graphic images on a page layout.

Chapters: Main division of a publication

Volumes: Numbered publication in a series

Content fragments: A piece of content that when combined with other pieces of content comprise a complete document.

Tagging errors: An error in a code that prohibits the code from describing its intended function.