

## AMENDMENT 2

### Request for Information (RFI) HIR-CCAL-2012 Committee Legislative Calendar System

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Q#	Question	Answer
1	Could you provide a sample output on the Committee Calendar?	See Appendix D, Committee Calendar for Committee on Ways & Means, 111th Congress, added to RFI by Amendment 2.
2	What is the current primary application to generate the calendar? If Microsoft Word, how much information is pre-generated or copied vs. manually drafted by the end-user?	The primary application is Word utilizing Word Macros and PERL Scripts. Approximately 50% is system generated and 50% is manually inputted by end-users. The source data is received nightly by UNIX Secure Copy from the Office of the Clerk of the House, stored in a database and the relevant data is extracted by stored procedures.
3	How many years of data is expected to be stored/referenced in this application? Is there an approximate data size?	The House currently has the current Congress (112 <sup>th</sup> ) and one prior Congress (111 <sup>th</sup> ) available for users to update. The current system was implemented at the beginning of the 111 <sup>th</sup> so this represents all the data available. Only the current Congress receives automatic updates. The House anticipates making at least one or two former Congresses before the 111 <sup>th</sup> available in the future. The approximate data size is 6 GB for the application (2 Congresses) and 1 GB for the database.
4	On average, how many documents ( <i>i.e.</i> bills, resolutions, orders, <i>et al.</i> ) are filed per Congress?	Approximately 10,000 bills & resolutions, and approximately 12,000 Other Legislative Items (Executive Communications, Memorials, Petitions & Presidential Messages).

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5	How many subcommittees are there for the Committees that use the system?	Of the 16 committees that use the Committee Calendar System, there are 87 subcommittees, with each committee averaging about six subcommittees that consider specified matters by topic and report to the full committee. The committees that currently use the system are: Agriculture, Armed Services, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, House Administration, Judiciary, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Science, Space and Technology, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veteran’s Affairs, and Ways and Means. For a complete list of all House committees and subcommittees, click on the following link: <a href="http://clerk.house.gov/committee_info/index.aspx">http://clerk.house.gov/committee_info/index.aspx</a>
6	Should the application support content outside of the Committee Calendar such as bill summaries, or hearing or poll information, to enable the committees to better track the documents before them?	The application needs to support the ability to copy data from outside sources, but does not need to manage the outside data.
7	How many roles/end-users will draft a given calendar? Will the system need to support multi-user editing or will the document be exclusively locked per person?	There is usually only one person on a committee responsible for maintaining the Committee Calendar; in some instances there may be two or three. These individuals need all edit rights and permissions. There need to be two roles defined; one role for the Calendar Clerk with all edit rights, and one role for other designated staff on a committee to have “read only” rights.