



Solicitation Information

October 13, 2015

Addendum #1

RFI #7549913

TITLE: Electronic Poll Books

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 21, 2015 AT 2:00 PM (ET)

ATTACHED ARE VENDOR QUESTIONS WITH STATE RESPONSES.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED.

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Vendor A

The RFI indicates that the Department will procure poll books, but doesn't say how. How and when does the Department anticipate procuring the poll books, will a solicitation be issued?

The purpose of the RFI is to gather information regarding electronic poll books. We plan to use the information to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to acquire electronic poll books ahead of the 2016 election cycle. We hope to have the RFP released in November, 2015.

Which vendor provided the statewide Central Voter Registration System (CVRS)? The RFI indicates that this system was implemented in 2004, are there plans to upgrade or replace it?

PCC Technology, LLC is the vendor that maintains the State's Central Voter Registration System (CVRS). There are no plans to upgrade or replace it at this time.

Is there a project manager, or technical contact in regard to this effort and if so, who?

Yes. This information will be shared at a future date. While the procurement process is ongoing, there can be no contact with state employees other than as stated in the RFI/RFP.

Has funding been allocated and if so, from where and how much? If not, where will the Department look for funding?

The Department is currently working with the Governor's office and the General Assembly leadership on funding for the project.

Vendor B

Question: Does the State plan to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP)? If so, will vendors who do not respond to this RFI be permitted to respond to the RFP?

Yes, the state plans to issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) in November, 2015. Vendors who do not respond to the RFI will still be able to respond to the RFP.

Vendor C

1. Regarding voters who move within the same city or town:

"Additionally, federal and state laws protect registered voters who moved prior to an election but failed to notify the Board of Canvassers of their new address. Under these laws, if a voter moved within the same city or town 30 days or more prior to the election, they are entitled to vote at their new precinct. If they moved less than 30 days before the election, they are entitled to vote at their old precinct. A voter who is only eligible to vote at their new precinct will still appear on the voter list at their old precinct."

Can a voter be entitled to vote at both old and new precinct under any circumstances?

No. A voter is entitled to vote at their old precinct if they have moved less than 30 days before an election.

A voter is entitled to vote at their new precinct if they moved within the same city/town more than 30 days before an election, upon completion of an affirmation form.

A voter is entitled to vote a “limited ballot” at their new precinct if they moved from one city/town in Rhode Island to another more than 30 days and but less than 6 months before an election.

Can a voter appear twice in the set of poll books for a city or town?

No.

2. Do Rhode Island drivers’ licenses all have a magnetic stripe?

No.

3. Do any Rhode Island drivers’ licenses have a 2D bar code with all drivers’ license number, name, address, and birth date unencrypted?

Yes. The licenses and IDs contain 2D barcodes and they contain all the items listed above, unencrypted.

4. Does the voter file planned for loading the poll books contain the driver’s license number?

No.

5. Will Rhode Island require a wet signature in conjunction with electronic poll books?

The State will explore those options once the electronic poll book information is reviewed. The State is however, interested in electronic poll books that allow voters to electronically sign them.

6. Does the State plan to issue an RFP for electronic poll books? If yes, when is the target release date and award date?

Yes, we plan to issue the RFP in November, 2015.

Vendor D

1. *Is the State more favorable to a customized solution or an ‘off-the-shelf’ solution?*

We are currently seeking information to help make these types of decisions. We are looking for the best solution for Rhode Island.

2. *Is there a budget for this project that will dictate specifications?*

The Department is currently working with the Governor’s office and the General Assembly leadership on funding for the project.

3. *What is the timeline for a trial if goal is to be up & running for Pres Primary in April in RI?*

We plan to pilot the electronic poll books in a select few municipalities for the Presidential Preference Primary in April. The RFP will discuss a timeline for trial ahead of the 2016 Presidential Preference Primary. The timeline regarding the September/November elections will be based on the efficiency of usage in the Presidential Preference Primary.

4. *What type of database is the CVRS and do they want integration to it, or simply access to it (eg. WWAN or Wifi)?*

The CVRS database is a Microsoft SQL Database. We would like to explore all options regarding access to the CVRS. The State is interested in seeing how real-time connectivity from the electronic poll books to the CVRS works (and vice versa). We are also interested to see how a download of the registration list from the CVRS to the electronic poll book works and how data is transferred from the electronic poll books to the CVRS.