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119	Unisys	Set 2, Question 1	Part IV (Work Statement), item IV-2 (Nature and Scope of the Project), page 26		Can you please provide us with the breakdown of the users per the following categories: dedicated, shared or frequent, and, occasional?	The PUC expects about 550 Users total. Can not categorize the users down to the dedicated, shared or frequent, and occasional at this time.
120	Unisys	Set 2, Question 2	Part IV (Work Statement), item IV-4 (Tasks), sub-item 3 (Database Design), page 32		Can we assume that the data elements depicted in the CMS screens in Appendix C represent all the data contained in the 25 SQL 2000 databases and the 47 Access databases? If not, to properly size this effort, can the PUC please provide any input screens that collect additional data elements that are in addition to the CMS screens provided in Appendix C	The screenshots in Appendix C refer to the input screens for the current PUC CMS system which is presently located on the mainframe. It is expected that the selected vendor will collect these screen shots in the discovery process in phase 1.
121	Unisys	Set 3, Question 1	Part IV (Work Statement), item IV-4 (Tasks), sub-item 4 (Database Implementation and Data Conversion), page 33		Can you please provide us with additional information regarding data metrics: - number of source databases, - approximate number of records in each source database, - approximate number of tables in each source database, - approximate number of fields per table, - approximate size of each source database (e.g. MB/GB/TB),- an entity relationship diagram (ERD) of each source, - source database type and version (e.g., Oracle 9i, etc.)	It is expected that the selected vendor will collect these screen shots in the discovery process in phase 1.
122	Unisys	Set 3, Question 2	Part IV (Work Statement), item IV-4 (Tasks), sub-item 4 (Database Implementation and Data Conversion), page 33		The last sentence on the second paragraph states " The Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) maintains a Customer Account Information system (CAI) that will remain in place". Will data from this system need to be converted?	This system will not be converted.
123	Evans CaseLoad Inc., Email - Tuesday, October 04, 2005 4:56 PM	1	General		Can the cost of software be included in the RFP?	No. Software cost cannot be included in the RFP (vendor proposal). The software, however, must be identified In the vendor proposal without the cost. The PUC must purchase software through the statewide commodity process.

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124	Evans_Pamela [Pamela.Evans-Hartland@aepco.com], Email - Wednesday, October 05, 2005 1:55 PM	1	General		Why is the platform being specified as Microsoft .NET? Is J2EE/Java an option?	Our technical staff is most familiar with .NET. No, J2EE/Java is not an option.
125	Evans_Pamela [Pamela.Evans-Hartland@aepco.com], Email - Wednesday, October 05, 2005 1:55 PM	2	General		Is there expected to be a maintenance contract after the initial application is built?	That has not been determined.
126	Evans_Pamela [Pamela.Evans-Hartland@aepco.com], Email - Wednesday, October 05, 2005 1:55 PM	3	General		Has there been any attempt in the past to re-engineer this application? Are there any work products from that?	No attempt has been made in the past to reengineer the (CMS) application.
127	Evans_Pamela [Pamela.Evans-Hartland@aepco.com], Email - Wednesday, October 05, 2005 1:55 PM	4	General		The RFP describes a need for staff to remain onsite. Is offsite (in the US) an option?	We require the selected vendor auditors (analysts) and developers to work onsite. That means they must work at our Keystone Building location.
128	Evans_Pamela [Pamela.Evans-Hartland@aepco.com], Email - Wednesday, October 05, 2005 1:55 PM	5	General		Will you elaborate more on the answer you provided at the meeting regarding ASAP being the controlling vendor and that all software must be purchased through ASAP? Is my understanding correct in that vendors cannot sell their software directly to you and that is must go through ASAP?	Yes, your understanding that the selected vendors cannot sell their software directly to the PUC and that it must go through ASAP is correct.

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129	Unisys	Set 4, Question 1	Part II (Information Required from Subcontractors), item II-10 (Cost Submittal), page 21		In the response to question # 19, provided at the pre-proposal conference on Oct/03/05, it is indicated that the overall system architecture identifying all the system components is to be included in both the "Technical Submittal" and the "Cost Submittal". However, the format provided under item II-10 does not provide a sub-item for the listing of hardware and software components. Please confirm that listing of hardware and software components is to be included in the "Cost Submittal" and if so, under what sub-item. In addition, does the PUC expect vendors to provide cost for each hardware and software component of the proposed architecture in their response?	Hardware and Software recommendations must be part of both sections. However, the cost of these recommended solutions should not be included in the cost submittal section. The PUC must purchase hardware and software from specific vendors on state-wide contract outside the context of this RFP.
130	Unisys	Set 4, Question 2	Part IV (Work Statement), item IV-4 (Tasks), page 31		Part IV section IV-4 page 31 calls out Full Text Search. Is the PUC envisioning the capability for full text search whereby an entire structured data within a document is searchable or full text on specific metadata being captured at inception within the ECM repository?	The PUC is envisioning full text search(s) on structured data within a document as well as metadata.
131	Donna Snyder [dsnyder@avysion.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 10:24 AM	1	General		Can the PUC please confirm that the total two-year funding request of \$6.6 million has been approved? If not, what is the current amount of the approved project funding?	The PUC will not answer this question.
132	Donna Snyder [dsnyder@avysion.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 10:24 AM	2	General		Does the approved funding amount also include funding that will be needed for additional hardware and software purchases to support the project, or does the approved funding amount include services only?	The PUC will not answer this question.
133	Steve Lewis [slewis@caseload.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 1:04 PM	1	General		Will the PUC be open to an approach that includes evaluation of COTS solutions, during the first phase of the project to make a build or buy decision?	The PUC will evaluate all bids based on the criteria specified in the RFP. It is the discretion of the vendor to propose a solution they feel best satisfies the problem(s) presented in the RFP with full justification of their reasoning.
134	Hair, Jerry (US - Harrisburg) [jhair@deloitte.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 1:11 PM	1	General		In addition to Momentum are there any other firms that are precluded from submitting a proposal in response RFP 2005-3?	Intellimark, Momentum and Computer Aid, Inc. are precluded from bidding either as a prime contractor or a sub contractors.

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135	Briel, Jeff [jeffrey.briel@ajilon.com], Email Fri 10/7/2005 2:45 PM	1	General		The PUC provided the answer to Question 65 on page 11 of the Questions for the Pre-proposal Conference that: "Standard Contract Terms and Conditions are non-negotiable." In conjunction with Section II-7 (Objections and Additions to Standard Terms and Conditions) on page 18 of the RFP, which states: "Contractor will identify which, if any, of the terms and conditions contained in Appendix F it would like to renegotiate and what additional terms and conditions contractor would like to have included in the terms and conditions"? There seems to be a discrepancy in the response to Question 65 versus that section of the RFP. Is Section II-7 being disregarded from this RFP?	Our response to Question 65 was inaccurate. With regard to Appendix F only, terms can be brought to negotiations.
136	Briel, Jeff [jeffrey.briel@ajilon.com], Email Fri 10/7/2005 2:45 PM	2	General		In reference to Question 34 of the Questions for the Pre-proposal Conference on page 7, is the contract for Matthew Eisenhauer directly with Momentum, Inc.? If the contract through which he is engaged is Staff Aug (CAI), isn't it CAI that is precluded from bidding since they are the prime for his position, has the contract with the Commonwealth and hold the contracted Purchase Order with the Commonwealth and thus in violation of Adverse Interest with this RFP?	Intellimark, Momentum and Computer Aid, Inc. are precluded from bidding either as prime or sub contractors.
137	Manoj Sinha [msinha@bisil.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 4:24 PM	1	General		In the pre-bid conference we were told that any third party components need to be on General Services ASAP schedule. We are planning to recommend a product that is on the Federal GSA schedule but not on the ASAP schedule. Will or can the state buy from the Federal GSA schedule?	Any recommended solution of the successful bidder must be purchased through ASAP. The PUC will make this request of ASAP.

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138	Manoj Sinha [msinha@bisil.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 4:24 PM	2	General		I attended the pre-bid conference on behalf of my company, BISIL, NA, and we are planning to bid in joint venture with Coriengo which was also represented at the pre-bid meeting? I would like to know if BISIL and Coriengo have the option of adding another company, Software Galleria, to the joint venture? Alternatively, is it possible to have Software Galleria bid the project as the prime contractor with BISIL and Coriengo as sub contractors?	BISIL and Coriengo can submit a bid. Software Galleria would have to be a subcontractor for someone who was at the meeting. Software Galleria cannot be the prime on any proposals. Attendance by a vendor was mandatory at the October 3, 2005 Pre-proposal conference in order to propose as a prime.
139	Manoj Sinha [msinha@bisil.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 4:24 PM	3	General		Java solution - Will the PUC be open to receiving a proposal that is built on Java but works in the Microsoft Windows environment specified in the RFP, along with SQL databases. This solution requires no programming to deliver the functionality outlined in the RFP. Any add on components, should they be required, can be written in .NET and integrated into this solution framework.	The PUC has no intention of supporting any applications built on Java. Any and all programming must be done in .NET.
140	Manoj Sinha [msinha@bisil.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 4:24 PM	4	General		What is involved in cleansing data? Is that part of the fixed price scope? Can data samples available that indicate the kind of cleansing that is required? Alternatively, can this and other similar components be bid on a time and material basis?	See answer to question 20 on the "Questions for the Pre-Proposal Conference - As of Oct. 3, 2005" document posted on the PUC website. Yes, this is part of the fixed price scope. Samples are NOT available at this time that indicate the kind of cleansing that is required. Vendors cannot bid on time and material basis.
141	Manoj Sinha [msinha@bisil.com], Email - Fri 10/7/2005 4:24 PM	5	General		There may be various third party components required to be embedded in the solution e.g. for electronic signatures and efficient search engine functionality. Does the bidder have to acquire and embed these in the solution or will the PUC acquire them independently? What happens if these components are on the General Services ASAP schedule?	All third party components must be identified in the proposed solution. Software costs are not to be included in the proposal. Likewise, software costs for the third party components should not be included in the cost submittal. The selected vendor is responsible for all programming and system functions.