

Questions & Answers

AI for Regulatory Streamlining CSO 47QFCA20R0024

1. *After reviewing the document 'CSO Solicitation for CMS_AI for Regulatory Streamlining (Apr 13, 20).pdf' and reading through the requirements of the solution that the government is looking for, we were discouraged that the open-source solution we were thinking of writing a Brief on to present to the government wouldn't be capable of meeting all the Project Objectives all at the same time out of the box. However, when re-reading the wording of the [beta.SAM.gov](#) listing and its **Description** section, it has some very ambiguous definition of "innovation" that seems to have an allowance of authority on the permissibility of software development changes to existing platforms. Is this assumption correct? If a vendor wanted to integrate an open-source solution that could address the majority of the agency's objectives, but not all of them but could be continually worked on to address the other additional objectives on the fly be permissible?*

Government Response:

The Government seeks a Solution Brief that meets the requirements in section 4 of the CSO solicitation. Offerors are encouraged to utilize their expertise when deciding whether to submit a Solution Brief.

2. *In order to provide a solution brief that addresses all of the requirements, would the government consider extending the due date of the solution brief by one week, to April 27, 2020 @ 11am EST?*

Government Response:

An extension has been granted. Solution Briefs are now due no later than April 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM EST.

3. *It appears the Government is seeking a COTS product. Will the sponsor consider changing/adding the NAICS code to 511210 (software publishers) as a more appropriate code for COTS? As this was originated under a non-COTS related NAICS code we did not review until late and would like a three weeks extension to meet the needs of your request? If the sponsor owns an ELA with a COTS provider will the Government accept a "at no additional cost" line item in our pricing?*

Government Response:

The Government will not add or change the NAICS code. No, a three week extension will not be applied. However, an extension has been granted. Solution Briefs are now due no later than April 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM EST.

4. *Due to the NAIC code listed for this announcement, we were late receiving it. Is there a chance that the due date could be extended by a couple of weeks to allow for proper coordination and teaming efforts?*

Government Response:

Yes, an extension has been granted. Solution Briefs are now due no later than April 22, 2020 at 11:00 AM EST.

5. *Who is the office or offices within CMS that are sponsoring this requirement in partnership with GSA*

Government Response:

The Government will not provide this information at this time.