

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO
UPGRADE JD EDWARDS ENTERPRISE ONE 9.1 TO
ENTERPRISE ONE 9.2.4**

Issuing Agency:

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Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to acquire information regarding the potential for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) to upgrade our J. D. Edwards Enterprise One 9.1 configuration and functionality to Enterprise One 9.2.4. LASERS is currently considering upgrading the system in the current fiscal year. Based on the responses received from this RFI, LASERS will decide if they want to pursue the upgrade. The vendor will provide information and/or estimated costs on the following:

- (1) An Upgrade Assessment Report of current system,
- (2) Upgrade from Enterprise One 9.1 to Enterprise One 9.2.4 (or the current version at the time of this request)
- (3) Project staff support,
- (4) Project plan,
- (5) Application Maintenance and Support Costs

Organizational and Technical Background Information

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) is a Louisiana state agency that administers a \$12.3 billion public pension plan (non-ERISA) for the approximately 39,000 active Louisiana State employees and which provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to roughly 49,000 retirees. The agency's staff consists of 151 employees in Baton Rouge, LA.

LASERS is a qualified pension and retirement plan under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is funded through a combination of investments, employee and employer contributions and is governed by a 13 member policy and decision making Board of Trustees. LASERS manages the fund and issues payments to qualifying members upon retirement or disability, plus all the other duties of a State Agency.

JD Edwards Software

Listed below are the current specifics on the JD Edwards system.

Software Releases:

- JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Applications Release 9.1
- JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools Release 9.2.1.1
- WebLogic 12.2.1.2.0

System Modules:

1. Financials:
 - General Accounting
 - Accounts Receivable
 - Accounts Payable
 - Job Cost
 - Fixed Assets

2. Human Resource and Payroll Management
3. Procurement

Hardware Environment

Listed below is the hardware environment for the JD Edwards system. All platforms are located and maintained in-house.

Current Servers:

- Enterprise server
 - O/S Windows Server 2012 R2
 - Data Base Microsoft SQL Server
- Web Server
 - VM
 - O/S Windows Server 2012 R2
 - WebLogic 12.2.1.2.0
- Deployment Server
 - VM
 - O/S Windows Server 2012 R2
- Application Server
 - VM
 - O/S Windows Server 2012 R2

Future Hardware Environment

All server O/S platforms will utilize the most current version of Microsoft Windows Server supported at LASERS at the time of implementation and are currently virtualized utilizing VMWare ESXi v6.7.0. The database environment will utilize the current version of Microsoft SQL Server.

While the LASERS current environment utilizes a server configuration of an Enterprise (Database) server, Web server, Deployment server, and Application server, LASERS looks to the proposer to recommend an optimal server configuration.

Submission Requirements

Responses to this RFI should include the following:

1. **Company Background:** – provide general background information regarding your company, including a summary of previous experience in similar types of upgrades. Include a list of references and contact information.
2. **Upgrade Services:** List the specific upgrade services your company can provide for our JD Edwards system.

3. **Cost:** Provide a list of rough estimated costs to upgrade our JD Edwards system to EnterpriseOne 9.2.4 with existing functionality. The submission should include costs for maintenance and support as a separate line item. Also, the submission should provide a cost comparison of deployment options and a breakout of hardware and software costs.

RFI Key Date Information

Issue Date	April 24, 2020
RFI Response Due Date	5:00 p.m. (CST) May 11, 2020
Deadline for Vendor Questions	Noon (CST) on Friday May 1, 2020
Responses for Vendor Questions	5:00 p.m. (CST) on May 5, 2020
Email Address for Questions	afillastre@lasersonline.org

- ❑ **Send questions and responses to the email address listed above no later than the date and time specified.**
- ❑ **Questions will not be accepted by telephone.**

NOTE: LASERS reserves the right to change this schedule of RFI events, as it deems necessary.

The vendor should email responses to this request for information in a PDF format to afillastre@lasersonline.org by 5:00 p.m. (CST) May 11, 2020.

RFI Response Evaluations

LASERS, at its sole discretion, may conduct further discussions with one or more vendors after the RFI responses have been received. Any aspect of a vendor's RFI response, including estimated costs, may be subject to negotiation. LASERS may request vendors to revise either or both their technical and price responses for resubmission during contract negotiations, if they take place at a later date. The request, if made, may be made in the form of requesting a Best and Final Offer setting forth the result of additional discussions or negotiations that may occur after the RFI responses have been received.

LASERS reserves the right to enter into a contract without further discussion of the proposal submitted based on the initial submissions received.

LASERS reserves the right to contract for all or a partial list of services offered in the submissions.