

**New York State Department of Health - Bureau of Vital Records
Solicitation of Interest #C041205 - Vital Events Integrated System
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

ROUND 2

#	Question / Answer
17	<p>Can subcontractors be used to provide mailroom operations as part of a comprehensive solution? One vendor alone will struggle to provide 100% of all the required services. This question is about the responses provided to questions: #7 and #16.</p> <p>NYSDOH will utilize a single organization to provide the services outlined in the SOI. Vendors cannot propose a joint bid with partners or use of subcontractors, including the electronic processing and management of incoming requests.</p>
18	<p>In the Questions and Answers document, question #4 is about allocating MBE/WBE vendors. The response states that this will be determined at the RFP issuance. If MBE/WBE vendors are allowed, can we include them in our solution at this time or wait for the RFP?</p> <p>The SOI seeks to identify organizations who have the ability to provide a comprehensive service package, including all functional elements (e.g. software, infrastructure, etc.) to deliver a fully integrated vital event electronic registration management system, remote order and payment processing system and secure digital mailroom operations. The allocation, or lack thereof, for MBE/WBE will be determined at the time of the RFP issuance and/or at the time of contract award. DOH cannot provide that information at this time.</p>
19	<p>Regarding the FHIR certification, to meet this criterion, can the vendor show experience and participation in CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)-hosted Vital Record-specific FHIR testing for jurisdiction certification? This question is about the response provided to question #14</p> <p>The vendor must have implemented and transmitted test or production FHIR mortality data between the National Center for Health and Statistics (NCHS) and jurisdictional Vital Records Offices.</p>
20	<p>One required response component is "Proof of vendor's FHIR certification." In addition to evidence of successful data transmission as indicated in the SOI Amendment 1, what proof type(s) would be acceptable to the agency in meeting this requirement? This question is about the responses provided to questions: #3 and #14.</p> <p>Acceptable proof would be documentation showing a demonstrated proficiency in successfully implementing the FHIR standards supported by NCHS to enable interoperability between the NCHS and jurisdictional Vital Records Offices.</p>