



1. Develop a database of MBE/EDGE firms and eligible firms that are ready, willing and able to bid on USO projects.
 - A. Does the database exist at any of the other universities that differs from State of Ohio?
Not to our knowledge
 - B. Can we use State of Ohio MBE/EDGE databases available at <http://eodreporting.oit.ohio.gov/searchEDGE.aspx> and <http://eodreporting.oit.ohio.gov/searchMBE.aspx>?
It is our expectation that the successful vendor will identify service providers who are capable of working on USO construction and other projects. These vendors may or may not be in another database.
 - C. To avoid future maintenance can an interface be built to a pre-existing websites?
Yes.

2. Conduct a spend analysis for each of the fourteen University Main Campuses within the USO.
 - A. Does the USO have a pre-existing purchasing system for campuses?
While some campuses use OAKS for certain purchases, most have their own systems for purchasing.
 - B. If yes, does the USO have designation in the purchasing system for MBE/EDGE?
NA
 - C. Should the new system have updates on the spending from the purchasing system?
Yes, if possible.
 - D. Can we have access to the purchasing system?
No.

3. Can we use the existing State of Ohio certification <http://www.das.ohio.gov/Divisions/EqualOpportunity/MBEEDGECertification/tabid/134/Default.aspx> for the enrollment process MBE/EDGE firms?
This is the certification process that must be used.

4. The Vendor should present a plan for identifying non-qualifying MBE/EDGE eligible firms and providing counseling and assistance to any non-qualifying firms in becoming qualified to compete for contracts with USO institutions. How is non-qualifying defined?
Firms that are eligible to become MBE/EDGE vendors, but are not yet certified. The firms must be able to successfully compete on construction and other substantial USO projects.

5. Does the qualifying of these firms relate directly to work provided or for all future work?
All future work.

6. Should non-qualifying firms be flagged in the database as non-MBE/EDGE and/or in a different color shading?
The data base should only contain MBE/EDGE firms.

7. Is there a preference on platform/environment for developing this solution or is that option open?
Open

8. Is there a preference on which database (MS SQL Vs Oracle) the solution should be using for data access?
Oracle is our preferred DB for all new products



9. How is the documentation, regarding recruitment of MBE/EDGE firms, submitted and collected; a paper system or electronically?
The expectation is that the database will be electronically maintained and accessed.
10. Is this data base system expected to interact with other data base systems used through the USO network or will it be a stand-alone system?
Stand alone
11. What is the existing operating platform preferred to support the database design (i.e. .Net, Oracle, etc.)?
Oracle RAC database, with J2EE (Enterprise Java) applications
12. What IT platform if any is being used today?
Same as above (Oracle RAC database, with J2EE (Enterprise Java) applications
13. Will information be provided to the vendor regarding MBE/EDGE participation specifically with the USO from past three years available for review for this proposal?
Controlling Board document provided by institutions to the Chancellor in which the institutions self-report their participation is available.
14. Is there anything that will be provided to vendor regarding how the USO institutions show that they have proactively recruited vendors? Is there something we can look at for this effort?
Controlling Board document provided by institutions to the Chancellor in which the institutions self-report their participation is available. This document does outline some recruitment efforts.
15. Will the vendor be able to ascertain what the predetermined criteria will be?
Submissions will be reviewed by a panel that will make a recommendation to the Chancellor.
16. The database should be searchable by geographical area and service category, i.e. construction, professional services, data and data analysis, and other services (what about dollar volume related to past performance, bonding level, years in business, etc?)
Information relative to the ability of a firm or eligible firm to successfully bid on and perform may be included.
17. Conduct a spend analysis for each of the fourteen University Main Campuses within the USO (is there criteria for how they want this done? Has a gap analysis been done first?)
It is not the intent to seek or obtain a gap analysis, but rather to determine how successful institutions have been in securing the services of MBE/EDGE firms and how they can do better in the future.
18. Develop a database of MBE/EDGE firms and eligible firms that are ready, willing and able to bid on USO projects. (Is there a forecast system regarding these MBE/EDGE opportunities; where can additional information be found regarding this subject?)
No.
19. Develop a plan for the ongoing maintenance of the data base; including staffing and cost estimates (Can vendors use STS rates for their pricing?).
The Chancellor is looking for the best available rates.
20. Will the proposed data base system become the property of Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents or will the vendor still have intellectual property rights and be able to sell the product to other state of federal agencies?
The Chancellor will retain all intellectual property rights.