

RFP - Learning Experience Platform (LXP) and Learning Management System (LMS): Question(s) and Answer(s)

Question #1:

Received: December 6, 2022

Responded: December 8, 2022

Question #1:

- Is Apprenti open to bidders who only respond to the technical portion of the requirements? In other words, would Apprenti be open to working with a vendor who only implements the LMS solution and does not produce training material?

Response #1

- Apprenti is seeking a vendor who can both deliver the Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program and build the Learning Experience Platform.

Question #2-7:

Received: December 9, 2022

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Question #2:

- The requirements regarding open-source versus proprietary elements conflict with the platform's purpose. For example, proprietary elements cannot be embedded in a platform provided under the usual open-source licensing forums (e.g., Eclipse Foundation), which do not allow any proprietary information to be included.
 - a. Are you asking for the software license (and code) to be open-sourced for anyone to create their own platforms?
 - b. Is this requirement for a proprietary platform to deliver the Jump Start experience, the experience being provided "openly" to anyone interested in a career in cybersecurity, or Jump Start testing with zero cost to the user?

Response #2

- Please see Amended RFP, Section titled: "Alternative Scope of Work"

Question #3:

- LMS vs. LXP: These are different platform types. Does the RFP imply that we must provide one or the other or both platforms together?

Response #3

- See Response to Question 1.

Question #4:

- If a proprietary platform is leveraged to supply the LMS/LXP, are you requiring that the proprietary platform be shifted to open source and shared via open-source standards?

Response #4

- Please see Amended RFP, Section titled: ""Alternative Scope of Work." However, any new work that is funded by the grant must be available for use by parties listed in the RFP.

Question #5:

- Under this RFP, is it acceptable to provide a proprietary platform that incorporates add-on plugins that are non-proprietary, to include open source components, to be built and provided under this funding?

Response #5

- Yes.

Question #6:

- The RFP indicates a firm-fixed-price (FFP) contract but requires a cost breakdown in time and material (T&M) format. When bidding FFP, the risk of delivery and performance relies on the contractor. Is the purpose of the information to evaluate the most qualified contractor with T&M information?

Response #6

- As stated in the RFP, the contract will be for a fixed fee and the cost breakdown is for transparency purposes to assist in the overall evaluation of a proposal. See Evaluation Criteria.

Question #7:

- Can an offeror submit optional proposals? Either in the same proposal or as separate proposals?

Response #7

- Whether to offer "optional" proposals is up to the proposer, but all option(s) must be in a single proposal.