

1. Section II – Purpose of Grant, Paragraph 3 states:

“The System will be used from the 2012 general election through the 2016 Presidential Election. The System must be operational for all federal, state, and local elections that occur during this time period.”

Could you please further define what elections the System is intended to be used for? What is the process for identifying which elections will require electronic ballot delivery?

The RFP is clear on this point. The system will be used for ALL elections in the state. This requirement reflects State law which requires electronic delivery to be available for ALL elections.

2. Section V – Functional Requirements, Pre-election requirements states,

- *The System must include a ballot translation tool that is able to automate the import of any election information extracted from the jurisdiction's current election management systems.*
- *The ballot translation tool must convert election information from the jurisdiction's election management system or VR System to a data format based on the IEEE P1622 format for presentation as an online ballot.*
- *The System must import all the election definition information from the existing EMS system.*
- *The System must import all the election definition information from the existing VR systems.*

Is the State of Ohio providing the ballot translation tool that the vendor must then use within the deployed system or is the vendor system supposed to include its own tool that handles all of the Voter Registration and Election Management Systems in use in Ohio?

This is to be part of the Vendor's proposal.

3. Section I, III – Grant Application Process states,

All RFP responses and/or questions should be sent or emailed to the following contact information:

EASE Grant RFP

Ohio Secretary of State

c/o Matt Damschroder, State Election Director

180 E. Broad St., Suite 1500, Columbus, OH 43215

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Does the State have a preference as to how the RFP is submitted – via physical mail (if so, how many copies), email or both?

You may send a copy in any of the manners provided for in the RFP.

4. Should the respondents provide the list of deliverables on page 10 as part of the response to the RFP or are those project deliverables upon award? **Those deliverables should be delivered as part of the RFP except the last 2 bullets which clearly cannot be delivered at this time.**

1. Will the counties be responsible for managing all voter and ballot data while interacting with the online ballot delivery tool or will this be a State function – or will it be a blend of the two?

The simple answer is it is likely in time to be a blend of the two. To start out it will primarily be a county function.

2. The plan calls for compatibility with ballot on demand systems, including the performance of logic and accuracy testing. For those jurisdictions that do not currently own ballot on demand systems, does this grant envision the provision of the technology needed to produce ballots from the 2D barcodes?

Yes this grant does but this current RFP does not address the procurement of these systems.