Questions and Answers for Monday February 17, 2025 through Friday February 21, 2025

<u>DUE February 25, 2025</u>

DATE	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#1 Regarding SYSTEM INTEGRATION & COMPATIBILITY— Which state specific data systems must the solution integrate with (e.g., Birth to Three Data System)?	The Solution must integrate with Spider Data System.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#2 Regarding SYSTEM INTEGRATION & COMPATIBILITY – Are there any existing APIs, data exchange protocols, or system documentation available for integration?	For a few scenarios Data Contracts are available for integration purposes.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#4 Regarding SYSTEM INTEGRATION & COMPATIBILITY – What data formats (e.g., JSON, XML, CSV) does the state system require for data exchange?	Currently XML, Excel or CSV files are used for Data Exchange. But as OEC is moving towards a more API driven approach the intention is to use JSON type as much as possible.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#5 -Regarding FLEXIBILITY & SCALABILITY – What level of customization is needed to support different state-specific requirements?	OEC will discuss this information with the selected vendor.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#6 Regarding FLEXIBILITY & SCALABILITY – How frequently do state regulations or system requirements change, and how should the system adapt?	The contractor is expected to modify and change requirements as needed.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#7 Regarding FLEXIBILITY & SCALABILITY – Should the system support multiple states or is it specific to one state?	This RFP is for the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood only.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#8 Regarding USER & WORKFLOW REQUIREMENTS – What are the primary user roles and workflows that need to be accommodated?	OEC will discuss this Information with the selected vendor.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#9 Regarding USER & WORKFLOW REQUIREMENTS – Should the system provide reporting, dashboards, or analytics for tracking compliance and performance?	The system will be expected to provide reporting, dashboards, and analytics for tracking compliance.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. B IT and Data (20%) Q#10 Regarding USER & WORKFLOW REQUIREMENTS – Will there be a need for historical data migration, or will the system work with new data only?	There will be a need for transition planning and some historical data; OEC will work with the selected vendor to determine the specifics.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. E IT and Data (20%) Q#11 Regarding APPLICABLE REGULATIONS & COMPLIANCE STANDARDS – Can you provide a list of the state and federal statutes,	Please refer to page 14 Section D in the RFP.

	regulations, and policies that the system must comply with? (e.g., HIPAA, FERPA, IDEA Part C for early intervention programs)?		
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. E IT and Data (20%) Q#12 Regarding APPLICABLE REGULATIONS & COMPLIANCE STANDARDS – Are there specific state-level policies or guidelines that differ from federal requirements?	•	OEC will discuss this information with the selected vendor.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. E IT and Data (20%) Q#13 Regarding APPLICABLE REGULATIONS & COMPLIANCE STANDARDS – Do you have compliance documentation or legal references that we need to follow?	•	The applicable regulations and compliance standards are outlined in the RFP.
2/21/2025	PAGE 19. E IT and Data (20%) Q#14 Regarding APPLICABLE REGULATIONS & COMPLIANCE STANDARDS – Does the system need to undergo third-party audits or certifications to verify compliance?	•	The contractor will be responsible for verifying compliance to applicable regulations and compliance standards.