

RFP 20-04
Questions and Answers
Final

Q1. General

The RFP only mentions eBooks. Are eAudiobooks included in this RFP?

A: No

Q2. General

Does the State require the Vendor to provide both eBook and eAudiobook content for use in SimplyE?

A: No

Q3. General

The RFP requests simultaneous use content. Is the State also interested in including single user model publishers/titles in this pilot project?

A: No

Q4. General

Will all of the invoicing for the project go back to the State, or, will Vendors be required to invoice individual participating libraries?

A: the State

Q5. General

Does the State anticipate award to a single vendor or to multiple vendors?

A: Single vendor for this pilot. Possible expansion in the near future.

Q6. Section 1.4 Funding

Please share the annual budget established/allocated by the State for the project.

A: We have chosen not to share this figure.

Q7. Section 1.4 Funding

Has the State secured funding from LSTA, or, will this RFP be used as part of the request for LSTA funding?

A: The State has secured funding from LSTA

Q8. Section 1.1 Purpose and Background

Item 4 discusses the ability for all Libraries within the State which have implemented SimplyE to be able to add to their SimplyE collections at no extra cost to them. Is this a reference to a Library utilizing the statewide platform? Or, does this refer to added content for the Library's existing, individual repository? Please provide additional information on this statement.

A: The original statement stands on its own. Libraries in Washington who implement the SimplyE app will be able to add the content to be acquired by the State to their collections at no extra cost to them.

Q9. Section 4.6 Request for Documents Notice

Are there any performance or bid securities associated with this RFP?

A: No

Q10. Page 3, section 1.1, number 2:

Regarding the Technical Proposal requirements “Will be licensed for unlimited simultaneous use.” Can you please clarify the State’s definition of “unlimited simultaneous use”?

A: Digital content that can be used by multiple authenticated users at the same time. There will be no waiting lists necessary for such content.

Q11. Page 3, section 1.1, number 4:

Regarding the Technical Proposal requirements “Will include capability for all libraries and library systems that have implemented SimplyE in the state of Washington to add to their SimplyE collections at no extra cost to them,” is the State requesting an eContent inter-library loan solution where libraries share content among one another?

A: No. The content will be available on demand to any library in the State that a) implements SimplyE and b) adds that content to their collections for their patrons.

Q12. General

Does the State require both eBooks and eAudiobooks in the unlimited simultaneous use format?

A: No.

Q13. Page 3, section 1.2, number 1:

How long will the SimplyE pilot last? We understand work is to begin 10/1/2019.

A: Undetermined.

Q14. Page 3, section 1.1, number 4:

How many libraries have implemented SimplyE in the state of Washington?

A: None officially that we know of.