## STATE OF WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ELECTIONS DIVISION

## RFQQ 25-05 ELECTIONS RESULTS REPORTING AMENDMENT NO. 2

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## **SUMMARY**

This Amendment No. 2 to RFQQ 25-05 compiles all questions submitted by vendors during the Preproposal Conference held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, and provides the official responses from OSOS. These questions and answers are now incorporated into the solicitation as an official addendum.

## **Q&A FROM THE PREPROPOSAL CONFERENCE**

**Q1:** Can you tell me how many elections typically occur in a given year, and whether support is provided for all local elections or only state-level ones?

**A1:** Typically, four elections are held each year: Special Elections in February and April, a Primary in August, and a General Election in November. In Presidential Election years, a Presidential Primary is also held in March. Support will be required for both local and state elections.

**Q2:** Will you require the successful bidder to provide a results reporting tool that covers Washington State and local county election results, including all federal, state, and local races and issues? If so, will this require a unique page per county that shows all the county contests, including their federal, state, and local results?

**A2:** Yes, the successful bidder must provide a results reporting tool that covers Washington State and local county election results, including all federal, state, and local races and issues. This will require a dedicated page for each county displaying all county-specific contests along with federal and state results.

**Q3:** Does this system need to support all elections that occur in Washington, including local county elections, occurring generally in February, April, August and November?

**A3:** Yes, the solution must support all elections, including county elections.

**Q4:** You require 24/7 support during 'key election periods'. Can you clarify what the key election period is. How many days prior to each election and how many days after each election?

**A4:** The Contractor must provide 24/7 support starting 90 days before election day and continuing until the final certification. Reported issues must be addressed within one hour via email or phone. After election certification and until 90 days before the next election, the Contractor must respond to issues within one hour during normal business hours. All

reported issues will be routed through the company's Customer Support System, assigned to appropriate personnel, and managed until resolution.

**Q5:** After each election is certified, will you transfer the results to your new archiving system (the other active RFQQ) or will you keep them in the format that the successful bidder creates for you?

**A5:** Yes, we plan to transfer the results using the standard format from the Results Reporting solution to the Election Results Archive solution. The OSOS will collaborate with the successful bidder on any necessary modifications to the data standard. However, since this standard has been in use for nearly 20 years without issues, we remain confident in its reliability.

Q6: Do you have a target date in mind for the initial rollout of the new solution?

**A6:** The OSOS does not have an exact target date; however, we would prefer to implement the solution no later than the 2026 Primary. If the solution is ready earlier, this would allow for additional testing. The OSOS welcomes vendor recommendations on implementation timelines.

Q7: Aside from HB 1448, how many jurisdictions currently use Ranked Choice Voting?

**A7:** Currently, only the City of Seattle is actively implementing Ranked Choice Voting. However, the OSOS is aware of multiple counties that are exploring this alternative voting method.

**Q8:** Do you anticipate jurisdictions implementing RCV with different rules?

**A8:** Yes, the OSOS expects implementations to vary until a defined standard is adopted. For example, the City of Seattle is implementing their RCV in a Primary whereas others are considering it for General Elections.

**Q9:** Are you able to provide a link to your current site, please?

**A9:** An example of the current results reporting solution from the 2024 General Election can be found on the SOS website: **November 5, 2024 General Election Results**.