

MELSA Responses to RFI Requests for Clarification

RFI: Digital Business & Consumer Information Resource | Issued 04.23.18

Q. Has MELSA coordinated or consulted with the incumbent in any manner on the creation of this Requests for Information (RFI) of Digital Business & Consumer Information Resources?

A. No.

Q. Has the incumbent been consulted in any manner with the creation of any requirement or Vendor Qualification standard of this RFI?

A. No.

Q. In past Requests for Information (RFIs) of Digital Business & Consumer Information Resources by MELSA, incumbents have been provided the opportunity to match or beat other participants' final pricing. Will the same opportunity be provided to the incumbent this year, and will such same opportunity be afforded to all participants?

A. Past practice did not include a formal written Request for Information process. The MELSA Electronic Resources Project Team will make its determination on the product that best meets the needs of member library systems based on the information provided in the RFI responses received. Pricing is important, but it is not the only factor under consideration in the selection process. There will be no discussion on pricing with respondents other than that necessary for drafting a contract with the preferred vendor.

Q. What is the population served for each of the eight systems individually?

A.

| System | Population |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Anoka County Library | 352,674 |
| Carver County Library | 102,717 |
| Dakota County Library | 422,580 |
| Hennepin County Library | 1,249,615 |
| Ramsey County Library | 237,137 |
| Saint Paul Public Library | 309,180 |
| Scott County Library | 144,714 |
| Washington County Library | 256,849 |

Q. Please clarify Attachment C 10, detail formats supported? Are you asking what browsers are compatible or are you asking about downloading formats, eg: excel, pdf, etc?

A. In general, information about download/export formats, compatible browsers, and any vendor features to improve access on mobile devices would be useful.