

California Asks Vendors for Feedback on IT Consulting Agreements

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The Department of General Services Procurement Division on Monday released a Request for Information seeking feedback from contractors on its IT consulting services Master Service Agreements (MSAs).

Respondents are asked to complete an online survey. Responses are requested by Sept. 7.

"We are specifically interested in any input from providers of IT Consulting Services regarding new services, industry changes, terms and conditions and applicable rules and regulations," the survey explains. The state sent a similar survey to government end-users last month.

The existing IT Consulting Services MSA is scheduled to expire in March 2018 for a majority of contractors, according to the survey. Some contracts expire a year earlier.

As currently constructed, firms qualified under the MSA list are able to charge prenegotiated hourly rates to state customers for contract staff in any of seven position classifications: Senior Project Manager, Project Manager, Senior Programmer, Programmer, Senior Technical Lead, Technical Lead and Systems Analyst.

Delegated purchasing authority for a single order is capped at three tiers: \$1.5 million, \$5 million and \$10 million. Use of the MSA is not mandatory.

State agencies and departments typically are required to go through a Request for Offer process when procuring services through the MSA.

More than 165 contractors are currently qualified to provide services under the MSA or IT consulting services. It most recently was put out to bid in 2013.

For more information about the RFI, go to the state's procurement website, Cal eProcure. Information is current as of Aug. 23. Key dates are subject to change.