Responses to questions in reference to the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery Request for Proposals: Section 3, MWBE and Davis Bacon Electronic Compliance Tracking Management Systems & Services – Issued September 23, 2014

1) Per page 5, second and third paragraphs, does the State require that the Consultant personnel include Section 3 residents?
A. GOSR is required by HUD to ensure all contracts adhere to the Section 3 provision that 30% of new hires be Section 3 individuals to the greatest extent feasible.

2) Per page 5, second and third paragraphs, does the State require that MWBE sub-consultants also be Section 3 business concerns?
A. GOSR is required by HUD to ensure all contracts adhere to HUD’s Section 3 provision that 3% of the dollar amount of Non-Construction Contracts be used with Section 3 business concerns to the greatest extent feasible.

3) If the State does not "require" that MWBE sub-consultants also be Section 3 business concerns, is preference given for those who include MWBE sub-consultants who are also Section 3 business concerns?
A. The state has a 20% MWBE goal for all sub-contracting opportunities and HUD requires 3% of the dollar amount of Non-Construction Contracts be used with Section 3 business concerns to the greatest extent feasible. As part of evaluation and selecting criteria respondents who demonstrate a commitment to complying with all applicable Federal, state, and local regulations, including M/WBE, Davis Bacon and Section 3 income requirements, will receive the most points.

4) Could you please provide an estimated number of projects/contracts that are anticipated to utilize the system?
A. GOSR estimates several hundred projects/contracts to be used with the system.

5) Could you please provide an estimated number of CDBG-DR sub-recipients that are anticipated to utilize the system?
A. GOSR estimates several hundred subrecipients/contracts and projects to utilize the system.

6) Would the vendor selected be responsible for entering and maintaining all prevailing wages for projects entered into the software?
A. The vendor selected will be responsible for entering and maintaining all prevailing wages for projects entered into the software in consultation with GOSR.
7) Can I confirm 34 counties would be applicable for projects? Do you need just need Federal, Davis-Bacon rates entered/maintained or will there be state/local funds that may apply as well (prevailing wage)?


8) What types of wages will apply for your projects (Building, Highway, Heavy, Residential)?

A. Due to anticipated projects in the areas of infrastructure, multifamily and community renewal, building, highway, heavy and residential wages may all apply.

9) On page 8 there is a bullet point under section 1.6 (Scope of Services) that says “Meet acceptable standards for usability and operating system compatibility.” What type(s) of data do you want to pull into the software? What type of operating system would you be referring to?

A. Data will include but will not be limited to: information from all diversity forms, various fillable PDFs and Certified Payroll Documents. System should be able to aggregate that information into various reports and check for compliance tracking. The system should be at least compatible with most operating systems including; Microsoft 2010, SQL 2008 AND 2012, Internet Explorer 2010.

10) What is the annual volume of construction that you expect to track through the software system?

A. We anticipate that the volume of projects will be equivalent to all program activities set forth in GOSR action plan and subsequent amendments in all program areas as outlined on our website http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/. Most of the volume will come out of our GOSR’s Infrastructure and Community Reconstruction program which will have several hundred projects.

11) Is a connection to the NYS ESD M/WBE certification directory a requirement of the new system?

A. GOSR utilizes NYS ESD M/WBE certification directory for the promotion of our opportunities and to verify the certification status of NYS MWBE firms. Having the ability to interface with NYS ESD system is not a requirement but it is desirable.

12) Will the new system need to interface with the New York State Contracting System?

A. This is not a requirement but it is desirable.

13) What is the desired timeframe for implementation and go live of the new system?

A. GOSR anticipates implementation and go live to be within the next several weeks.