

Fraud in Public Healthcare Programs; Developing Fraud Detection Models with Linked Data (DFDM-25) FAQ

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1	Will the Government confirm if landscape orientation is allowed for tables, graphics, and charts?	Landscape Orientation for tables, graphics, charts is acceptable.
2	Could the government confirm about Font Type (Times or Arial Family) required for Proposal Response?	Font should be no less than 10-point font. Standard font types such as Times New Roman or Arial are acceptable.
3	What is the ceiling cost of this project?	There is not a target level of funding. We look to the offerors to propose a cost that will meet the objectives stated in the RFS.
4	Will the Government provide an estimated level of effort, including suggested labor categories and hours?	There is not a target level of effort. We look to the offerors to propose labor categories and hours that will meet the objectives stated in the RFS.
5	Are there any preferred or mandated programming languages, Techstack, frameworks, or architectural styles recommended for the solution compatible with the NSDS Secure Compute Environment?	The vendor should propose the best solution to meet the objectives stated in the RFS.
6	Does Hyperlinks, Prototype Vedio links are allowed within the Response submission?	Hyperlinks are not permitted.
7	What are the specific state data sources considered acceptable? Is there a preference for Medicaid vs. private insurers?	The primary data source of interest is state level Medicare claims.
8	Can synthetic or anonymized data be used for early-stage model development?	The vendor should propose the best solution to meet the objectives stated in the RFS.
9	Is there an existing API or secure data pipeline into the NSDS Secure Compute Environment, or must raw files be manually imported?	Files must be imported manually.
10	What is the approval process and timeline for obtaining access to NSDS-linked federal datasets?	The NSDS does not serve as a data warehouse so specific datasets are not available for provisioning. Access to confidential data is governed by individual agency processes.

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11	Given the PWS requirements, will the government increase the page limits for Technical Proposal Response from 8 to 20 Pages at least?	The vendor should provide the requested information within the stated page limit.
12	The RFS and Attachment 1 outline key activities and deliverables but do not specify discrete project phases. Given that Attachment 2 (Full Proposal Format) requests a cost estimate “broken down for each phase of the proposed scope of work,” can the Government please confirm whether offerors should define and structure their own project phases for the purpose of cost and technical proposal development, or whether the Government intends to provide a standardized phase structure for consistency across submissions?	We look for the vendor to define and structure their project phases to meet the project objectives.
13	Given the PWS requirements and page limit of 8 pages only for Technical Response, Will the government exclude the Intellectual Property Rights from Page Limits and allow us to put under Appendix?	The vendor should provide the requested information within the stated page limit.
14	Will Government use 1,920 man-hours as the equivalent to one (1), Full Time Equivalent (FTE)?	Full Time Equivalent should be based on the proposer’s standard man-year.
15	Will the government provide a Pricing Template?	There is no standard template, your organization is encouraged to propose in your own formats so long as the proposal requirements listed in the solicitation are addressed.
16	Will the government please confirm whether travel is required for this opportunity? If yes, could you also confirm the number of trips required?	Travel is not required for this opportunity.
17	Will the government please confirm whether the performance under proposed contract will be onsite at government location or offsite?	Contract performance will not be onsite at a government location.
18	Is there an incumbent for this work? If so, will the Government provide the contractor's name and the contract number?	There is no incumbent for this work.
19	Will the government please confirm number of days for Transition-In & Transition-Out? Specifically, seeking clarification on how many calendar days are allocated within that performance period for the Transition-In and Transition-Out phases. Please confirm if there are	There are no defined transition in/out periods, these should be included with what the proposers anticipates and any transition in/out should take into consideration the period of performance.

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	pre-defined day allocations or expectations for each phase so we can align our project planning accordingly.	
20	Will the government please confirm the Key Personnel Labor Categories?	Key Personnel labor categories would be based on the proposer's determination of what roles would be crucial to the success of the project.
21	Can the Government please confirm the contract vehicle that will be used for this award?	Those selected for award would be issued a Project Agreement under the ADC Other Agreement (OA). Proposers selected for award would also be required to sign the ADC Base Agreement, which contains overarching terms and conditions that are a direct flow-down of the ADC OA.
22	The RFS mentions "select public healthcare programs" and key activities references an MOU related to Medicare Part B. Is Medicare Part B the preferred focal public healthcare program?	We plan to obtain access to other types of Medicare claims data as well, with varying degrees of detail, as referenced in the RFS.
23	If the project extends to other Medicare parts in addition to part B, will there be access to encounter claims and Medicaid claims data? What are the expected units of analyses for these administrative data (person-level, claim level, diagnosis level, some other level of aggregation)?	This project intends to use encounter claims and Medicaid claims data, which are typically structured at the claim level. The vendor should propose the unit of analysis most appropriate for the data sources of interest.
24	What public healthcare data sources – and at what level (e.g., nation-wide, certain states) are planned to be available to the project team in the NSDS Secure Computing Environment?	Please see responses to questions #7, #22, and #23.
25	The RFS notes that a key activity is to "identify existing fraud taxonomies, definitions, and measures, indicators and behaviors." Are there any initial focus or priority areas of fraud?	Priority areas of focus are identified under the Key Evidence Building Considerations in the project topic. We request that the vendor propose the best solution to meet the objectives.