

# The Federal Data Usage Platform (DUP): a Shared Federal Asset

## (DUP-SFA-25) FAQ

	Question	Answer
1	The list of deliverables does not mention a functioning, production-ready platform, though the RFS mentions in other places features that would be present in a platform. Does NCSES expect to receive such a platform or only the code, data, etc. to reproduce the content in a platform?	NCSES expects to receive a platform and the code, data, etc. to reproduce and maintain the platform. Additional deliverables may be required.
2	At the end of this project, is the contractor responsible for delivering a fully developed platform ready for deployment on a public-facing NSDS site?	Yes; please see answer to question 1.
3	Does NSF expect to provide a list of preferred or required users to contribute to user research recruitment efforts for the project?	We look to the vendor to propose a user recruitment strategy that aligns with the objectives outlined in the RFS.
4	Can NSF share its expectations around the number of data assets and usage data in the finished prototype by the end of the initial period of performance?	The prototypes are displaying around 3,000 data assets for 16 federal agencies. The number of data assets and federal agencies in the final prototypes may vary.
5	Can NSF provide any information on the allocated funding or anticipated level of effort for this opportunity?	There is not a target level of funding. We would look to the offerors to propose a cost that will meet the objectives stated in the RFS.
6	Is the expectation to build a fully functioning platform given we have less than a year POP? Confirm the expectation is not to build the DUP, expectation of future phases of work	The expectation is to build a fully functioning platform; please see answers to question 1 & 2 and refer to the Request for Solution schedule.
7	How does this work build on the work from the previous DUP awards, considering the other project POPs end after this one begins?	The previous DUP awards created two prototypes with different approaches to answer the same question. Their prototypes and documentation will be provided to the selected vendor to use as a foundation for this work.
8	Who are “users”? Both of the data sources and of the DUP?	The data sources showcased on the DUP are federal data assets, including administrative and statistical data maintained by federal agencies. The DUP will serve stakeholders seeking to understand and leverage federal data usage metrics, including federal agencies, policymakers, researchers, and the general public.

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9	What is the scope of the “development plan” deliverable? Development of what?	We require documentation detailing the development of the platform.
10	What code do they envision being written? Do they want to see a prototype?	The previous DUP awards were prototypes. This award will build the platform that goes live to the public. Please see the answer to question 7.
11	Does there need to be an administrative interface?	The vendor should propose the build that meets the objectives of the project that includes but is not limited to the management, deployment and maintenance of the DUP as a shared service within the NSDS.
12	What are the end objectives for each key user group?	The end objective for all user groups is to be able to understand and leverage federal data usage metrics.
13	Are there any technical restraints we need to be aware of?	Please use best practices for technical activities relevant to the federal government, including but not limited to open-source software, open-source databases, and open-source software development principles wherever feasible.
14	Are we allowed to use offshore resources for this engagement?	No, all work must be conducted within the United States.
15	Would this live as a standalone website/product that the selected vendor would build, or as part of an existing platform?	This platform and associated tools would live as a standalone, portable platform that the vendor will build and should be integrated as part of the NSDS.
16	Are there any budgetary restraints we should consider?	There is not a target level of funding. We would look to the offerors to propose a cost that will meet the objectives stated in the RFS.