

**Regional Wastewater Analytics Dashboard Development
Questions and Answers (Updated 9.29.26)**

1. I am writing to inquire whether there have been any addendum or Q&A issued for the Wastewater Data Standardization, Normalization and Predictive Analytics Dashboard Development Services. If so, could you please advise where the most recent addendum may be accessed or kindly share a copy for our reference?

Answer: This is the first Q&A and there have been no addendums. Any additional documents will continue to be posted in the location of the RFP:

<https://www.marc.org/about-marc/funding-and-rfps>

2. Are platform, licensing, or hosting costs in scope for the proposal?

Answer: Hosting costs are anticipated to be covered by other parts of the budget. Any specific platform or licensing costs recommended or required by the respondents should be considered and provided as line items in a proposal to understand the impact of those costs on overall budget.

3. Does MARC have an existing preferred cloud or analytics environment respondents should build on?

Answer: We build and work in several ways and are open to suggestion, but must be able to host and maintain the system independent of consultant support after the project timeline.

4. May an India-registered company deliver this task remotely, with meetings in US Central time?

Answer: This project is primarily focused on US-based contractors.

5. For the three comparable references, would production data platforms/dashboards in other sectors qualify if we clearly describe their relevance, or must they be public-health/wastewater projects?

Answer: While we would prefer public health applications, any production data platform/dashboard can be used as references.

6. For a Task Area 4-only bid, what data access/interface, hosting environment and authentication responsibilities should we assume MARC or the other task-area contractor will provide?

Answer: MARC's Open Data Portal (www.marc.org/dataportal) is a repository of the work built and maintained by MARC. MARC expects to host the tool but will work with the selected contractor to make final decisions on all deliverables.

7. Can all work, including meetings and presentations, be delivered remotely?

Answer: Work, including meetings and presentations, can be delivered remotely but must prioritize daytime meetings in the central time zone.

8. Does this engagement require SAM.gov registration, a UEI, or compliance with federal funding requirements?

Answer: Our procurement policies do not require SAM.gov registration or a UEI for this particular project. While we do not require compliance with federal funding requirements for this project, we have internal requirements all projects must comply with.

9. Would comparable dashboard and data-integration projects outside public health satisfy the three-reference requirement?

Answer: Please see question 5 above.

10. Is there an anticipated budget range for Task Area 4?

Answer: There is not an anticipated budget range for each individual item. The total overall available budget is roughly \$200,000 for all items.

11. Will MARC accept comparable technical-documentation and governance projects from other sectors, including work performed by the proposed principal before establishing the current business? We understand that references must substantiate comparable project work.

Answer: Please see question 5 above.

12. If task areas are awarded separately, what coordination process, meeting expectations, and delivery schedule will govern access to the other consultants' schemas, ETL documentation, model assumptions, validation results, and dashboard documentation?

Answer: MARC and an advisory committee will be guiding and coordinating the work of the contractor or contractors selected to complete this project. We will mutually determine a phasing schedule that aligns delivery schedule with project needs.

13. Does Task 5 primarily consolidate and develop documentation from those inputs, or also require independent reconstruction and technical validation of the underlying implementations?

Answer: Task 5 does not require independent reconstruction and technical validation but does require the development of a sustainability model and opportunities for future investment.

14. Is there anything about the intended scope or procurement that would make a university an inappropriate respondent?

Answer: A university may respond to any or all of the task items provided it is an implementation project of available methodology, not a research project.