

# Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

## Request for Offer (RFO)

### Data Modernization Initiative Public Portal

### RFO No. 781-2-25825

## Questions and Answers No. 1

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1. I am interested in submitted a response to RFO #781-2-25825 Data Modernization Initiative Public Portal. In section 2.02.1 Active Department of Information Resources Vendor – it reads that the respondent must be an active DIR vendor. How can we apply to become a DIR vendor?

**Response: An Addendum has been posted correcting 2.02.1 Minimum Eligibility Requirements**
2. In regards to Section 2.02.1 it specifically states you must have a current DIR account etc. When researching how to become DIR it is given to the entity by submitting a response to a current RFP, RFO, etc. If we do not have a current DIR and cannot provide the necessary info in 2.02.1 are we not eligible to respond to this since it must already be established.

**Response: An Addendum has been posted correcting 2.02.1 Minimum Eligibility Requirements**
3. Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this? (like, from India or Canada)

**Response: Provided the contractors are based in the United States, the company may be international.**
4. Whether we need to come over there for meetings?

**Response: No, you will not need to be in person for meetings. THECB will be able to hold meetings virtually.**
5. Can we perform the tasks (related to RFP) outside USA? (like, from India or Canada)

**Response: The contractors will need to be based in the United States, all work will need to be performed in the United States, and all data associated with the project must be maintained in the United States.**
6. Can we submit the proposals via email?

**Response: Yes, please see section 9.02 of the RFO, pg. 17.**