

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
REQUEST FOR OFFER

Open Educational Resources State Repository Portal

RFO No. 781-0-22600

First Set of Questions and Answers

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has received the following questions concerning RFO No. 781-0-22600:

1. Has the agency conducted market research regarding the potential products for building the OER portal? If yes, please list of the products/systems that have been evaluated.

THECB conducted a feasibility study in 2018, which is available on the website.

2. Do you expect to implement/configure one of the SaaS products as listed? Or do you expect to custom build a system similar to the products listed?

If one of the SaaS products listed was selected then their SaaS product would be implemented/configured, with some need for customization regarding the specific needs of the agency. If another vendor was selected, then it would depend on whether or not that vendor has a SaaS product that could be customized to the needs of the agency.

3. Can the OER portal be hosted in AWS or Azure?

Yes, the OER portal could be hosted in AWS or Azure.

4. Would you please clarify the requirement "Ensure that website is fully functional within Mura Content Management System (CMS)"? Does it mean the system needs to be built with Mura CMS? If so, what is the rationale behind that?

THECB has chosen Mura as its CMS for agency websites, so the vendor would need to make sure that the system they built was compatible with Mura. This does not dictate that the system (UI) needs to be built in Mura.

5. What is the estimated budget allocated for this project for the initial contract term?

There is no budget specified.

6. Given the holiday break in between and the short timeline between questions submitted and proposal due, can the agency extend the response due date by two weeks?

An extension currently is not possible.

7. Is there a page limit for the response?

No.

8. In the Evaluation Criteria, the "Quality of site design" accounts for 20%. What do we need to provide to illustrate the quality of site design? Can we use designs from past projects, or do we need to create site design specifically for this response?

The vendor needs to demonstrate their ability to provide a site that includes the following: responsive design, accessibility compliance, ease of use, fast loading, mobile ready, visually appealing, etc. The vendor can choose how to demonstrate these attributes.