Responses to Questions Maine DOE Chose to Publish & Answer - RFI#: 201708146 Maine Educational Data Warehouse

Vendor Question/statement	DOE Answers
Please specify the data sources you want included in this educational data warehouse? How many systems will this data be coming from? How many years of longitudinal data do you want included?	More info to follow in RFP
What data standards are you currently using?	CEDS
Has funding been approved for the Educational Data Warehouse?	Yes
The Department requires the MeEDW to integrate and complement existing information infrastructures and to allow for integration of future development tools. Can you please provide more details around each distinct information infrastructure or disparate systems that will need data imported to the data warehouse?	SQL databases, & csv files
Data source type (Flat File, XML, API connections, etc.)	Open to all standard data formats
How many years of historical data will be imported into the data warehouse?	Will vary
What data elements of historical data will be imported in the data warehouse?	Not determined yet
Is the Legacy warehouse data the only source of historical data?	No
In what format is the historical data stored?	Current EDW - SQL; other data will vary
Is the historical data individually identifiable to the currently enrolled students?	Data is at student level for some categories; however, it is not current
Can you please provide more details on the type of users expected, and approximate number of each: Data Admin/Data Manager, DOE, Researcher, Districts(Superintendents, Schools (Teachers/Principals), Legislature, Public, Media	See RFI Part II C for numbers of Schools/Districts; however user base would be unlimited at the public level
In the Systems Requirement table, number 1.1 states that, the application should import data from existing legacy warehouse. What are the data sources and will it require batch uploading or live data connections to the source systems? Will this be done via an ODBC interface?	The current EDW is a SQL server; assume this would be a one-time dump
In the Systems Requirement table, number 1.2 states that, the application should provide a single, standard data warehouse environment from multiple internal disparate data sources. Is there a specific list of the internal and external systems involved?	No
In the Systems Requirement table, number 1.3 states that, the application should provide the ability to upload data from external data sources. How is this different from the requirement identified in "1.1 The application should import data from existing legacy warehouse?	Legacy EDW is only one of the external data sources
In the Systems Requirement table, number 2.1 states that, The application should support the ability to add "tags" to data collections so users searching can find information based on key words (i.e. bullying - users can search on harassment, confrontations, etc.). Where will the user be searching for this? Can you please provide more details on the application level regarding the use of tags?	Should be a search component provided in the solution
In the Systems Requirement table, number 4.8 states that, the application should provide the ability to analyze data in aggregate. Does this requirement mean the user should be able to identify aggregate level data?	Data needs to be aggregated based on user-defined levels: State, District, School, Grade, etc
Will the current state data warehouse and its reporting tools be sunset with the implementation of the new MeEDW in 2019?	Yes
Does the State already have a unique identifier for all individuals, including student and staff, for its P20 system?	Yes
Page 7, Item 1.1 – 1.3: How many years of data will be migrated to the new system from the legacy data warehouse?	Varies
Page 6-7, C Organizational Background: In addition to the major organizational/domain areas listed, does the Department anticipate integrating data from any other agency or department?	Not determined yet
Page 9, Item 2.13: Does the MeDOE have a data dictionary for its current data warehouse?	No
Page 13: Question 2 under Product/Technical Information: Does the MeDOE have a hosting preference?	Vendor hosted
Page 8, Item 1.5: Does the Department have a preferred business intelligence and/or analytic tool?	Maine Office of Information Technology Bricks for Data Reporting and Business Intelligence may be found at:
Page 8, Item 1.5: Does the Department own licenses for one or more business intelligence and/or analytic tools that it wants to leverage?	http://www.maine.gov/oit/architecture/DomainsAndBricks/Data/documents/Reporting_Tools_Brick.pdf
Is the Department interested in pre-designed, COTS dashboards?	
Does the Department anticipate using the MeEDW to power dashboards on its ESSA goals?	Yes
Are vendor resources required to work primarily onsite?	No
Page 13, Support Model: Does the Department have a Level 1 help desk?	Yes
Page 13, Support Model: Would the Department like information about initial training and knowledge transfer options, in addition to ongoing training?	Yes
Our records indicate the State of Maine DOE procured a Longitudinal Data System (aka: Educational Data Warehouse) back in 2012. Is the State now planning on replacing it?	Yes
Is there an incumbent contract in place for the current system? If so, who is the incumbent vendor and when does their contract expire?	No
Has funding been approved? If so, what amount?	Yes / No Answer
"The Department plans on publishing an RFP for this endeavor within the next 4 months, with an implementation by no later than September 2019." Is the expectation that implementation will be completed by September 2019, or kicked off by September 2019?	Objective is to be implemented by Sep 2019
Microsoft no longer provides security updates, compatibility fixes, or technical support for versions of Internet Explorer older than IE 11. Is vendor support for IE 7 (and versions between IE 7 and IE 11) necessary?	Vendor support is only required for those versions still supported by Microsoft
Does Maine DoE have a preference for a hosted solution, or is that one of multiple implementation options you are considering?	Vendor hosted
Please elaborate on what you refer to as a licensure requirement? Are you asking about a Service Level Agreement?	Do all users need a license? Or is the application being licensed - is what the question is alluding to.