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## **Request for Proposal: Hospital Record Collection, Processing, Aggregation and Management**

### **Questions and Answers:**

1. Who is the incumbent vendor for this hospital discharge data collection and services?

**Answer:** Vermont Association of Hospital & Health Systems-Network Services Organization, Inc.. The [contract](#) and [amendment](#) can be found on the [contract section of GMCB's website](#).

2. Can you share the current list of edits being performed for record level data validation to determine if data is sufficient?

**Answer:** Please refer to the current contract for more information on this topic.

3. Can you share the current criteria enforced for variation in data sets currently to flag excess variation? If the same edits are implemented, is that sufficient?

**Answer:** Prior to the global pandemic, a threshold of 2 standard deviations was generally applied based on historical observations. The volatility since has required new approaches. Vendors' responses should indicate their strategy for assessing data quality, including thresholds for variation.

4. Please describe historical data expectations. Section 2.1.4.1.4 mentions "Load historical data for a previous period of time agreed upon by the potential submitter, Contractor and the State;" How far back does data need to be collected?

**Answer:** We anticipate data back to 2016 would be integrated, but would not necessarily need to be recollected.

5. What is the size of the historical database? How many records are there and does data get archived? How much data is to be converted from the current database?

**Answer:** The State does not store the data received from the current vendor in a database. We currently receive quarterly files and a final Q1-Q4 file for inpatient, outpatient and revenue in .txt format.



6. What type of database is the data stored in (DBMS vendor and version)?

**Answer:** Please see answer to #5.

7. There is a very detailed requirement around vendor being 'green', e.g., LEEDS or other certification, etc. Please clarify whether this is a hard requirement or a preference.

**Answer:** Please reference section 3.5 of the RFP which speaks to this request.

8. What changes are needed from the current service provided for this data collection?

**Answer:** The State of Vermont is required to go out to bid every 5 years for an IT contract.

9. Can the Bidder Response Form be provided in a word document?

**Answer:** Yes, please email [jessica.mendizabal@vermont.gov](mailto:jessica.mendizabal@vermont.gov) to request the word version of the bidder response form.