



Request for Information

Amendment RFI-SAA10262015-001

**Parking Inventory and Assignment
Database Software and Hardware
for the Sergeant at Arms**

The purpose of this amendment is to provide responses to vendor questions

- Question 1: Would the government prefer a standalone system, on the intranet, or connected to the internet? If on intranet, would a connection to the internet be required, desired, or not preferred?
Answer 1: The House would prefer a web-based system, but does not expect it to be publically available via the internet – it is expected that the POCs in each office within the House of Representatives would have the ability to access the records of the personnel they manage via the House intranet.
- Question 2: Would the cost of individual permits be completely on the US Government or could they be purchased by individuals?
Answer 2: The Office of the Sergeant at Arms division of Parking Security procures the permits separately from this system. This requested system would be used to manage these permits as they are issued.
- Question 3: What is the data output for the Adabas Natural System?
Answer 3: The data in the Adabas Natural system can be exported to a variety of formats, such as MS Excel, delimited text files, etc.
- Question 4: Would the government prefer the individual to input vehicle information with confirmation by government at permit issue or have a US Government official input the information directly?
Answer 4: It is expected that the House will utilize a combination of data entry methods. Currently, the Office of the Sergeant at Arms division of Parking Security uses two methods to enter data into the system – manual data entry and the update of groups of records using imports of data contained in MS Excel spreadsheets. It is also expected that POCs from each office within the House would be able to view and update the information for the personnel they manage.
- Question 5: What is the data interface with the Department of Transportation Metro Transit Benefits list?
Answer 5: Currently, we receive a monthly MS Excel spreadsheet listing all personnel receiving transit benefits. The proposed solution should provide the ability to query the data from the spreadsheet to ensure requesting personnel do not appear in the dataset.
- Question 6: Would the hand-held remote devices have a wireless connection? If so, what is the preferred or authorized wireless connectivity? Is existing wireless coverage in place for parking lots where the hand held devices would be used?
Answer 6: A wireless connection is not necessary for the hand-held devices, assuming basic queries (to determine name and contact information of owner of vehicle, correct permit location, etc.) of the database can be performed on a device that has been sync'd with the database. Currently WiFi connectivity is available in some garages and lots, but wireless signals would need to be boosted in some locations to ensure a reliable connection.
- Question 7: Are there any non-standard requirements for the remote access through the virtual private network connections and/or Citrix access?
Answer 7: Assuming a “live” wireless connection is implemented for the hand-held devices, connection through Cisco VPN software (or via a Citrix connection) will be required to access the House network. The House utilizes RSA SecurID tokens, and Active Directory usernames and passwords for authentication.