	Budget and Accounting Solution for the United States House of Representatives	
	Questions from Industry	**Government Response**
1	Is there an incumbent on this contract? If so, please provide the incumbent name, current contract number, Period of performance , value of the contract.	This is a new requirement
2	Would you kindly confirm if this is an entirely new effort or if there is an incumbent currently providing these services? If so, would you please provide the incumbent's contract details?	This is a new requirement
3	What will be the contract value for this opportunity?	Unknown, the U.S House of Representatives (USHOR) is still developing requirements.
4	Would you please provide an approximate timeline for the RFP release?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
5	Would you please let us know the set aside for this opportunity	Full and Open
6	The Sources Sought notice states: "Capability Statements must include but is not limited to (a) company's core capabilities (b) corporate experience and management capability; and examples of prior completed Government contracts (if any), references, and other related information; and (c) Rough Order of Magnitude and preferred contracting method." Please confirm that examples of corporate experience can also be ongoing Government contracts.	Confirmed- examples of corporate experience can be ongoing Government contracts.
7	In the Background section you mention as one of your four objectives to: "Implementing a common infrastructure between the Budget and Accounting functions of the House, in order to align Budget, Planning and Forecasting with Financial and Actuals reporting." Can you please explain what you mean by common infrastructure as we understand that PeopleSoft Financials on Prem is the Accounting tool and EPM Cloud is currently your budgeting solution.	Common platform that encompasses all aspects of Budget Formulation, Budget Execution, and Financial Reporting
8	Can you please provide the data sources (systems) for the reports mentioned in the Background Accounting section? In the background section you mention Financial Consolidation and Close. Can you please describe what specific needs you have around financial consolidation, what entities you look to consolidate and what specific financial close activities you envision to be in scope for the new solution?	PeopleSoft, PS/nVision, Lawson. The specific close activities were mentioned in the RFI under the Accounting section.
9	In your requirements you have requested description for APIs technical functionality. Please confirm that you are looking for descriptions of said functionalities and that it should be provided within the RFI page limitation (10 pages)?	Yes, feel free to reference public documentation.
10	Can you elaborate on the use of advanced analytics to "determine any potential budget shortfall for payroll expenses on a funding strip or group of funding strips?"	The use of predictive analytics, utilizing available data to determine future outcome. Using data analysis to project any future variances on payroll funding combinations.
11	Can you explain the term "CR Anomalies" and what information you would like to capture in the form?	Anomalies is the mechanism for adjusting Time, Purpose, or Amount in a Continuing Resolution (CR) bill. The form will capture both textual and numerical requirements
12	Can you please provide the data sources (systems) and how the data is being manipulated as it relates to the "reports that support the validation and editing of the House's Subcommittee Print?"	The reports needed for this requirement will be created in the system using readily available data that will be part of integration
13	Can you please explain the following requirement: "Automation of the monthly Office of the Attending Physician backup withholding information for 1099 reporting?"	Tracking of backup withholding information for multiple individuals for 1099 reporting.
14	Are you requesting a ROM for Implementation Services only? Or, do you also require product to be part of the final solution and the ROM?	The ROM should incorporate all aspects of this requirement. Including any licensing costs or estimates.
15	Are you planning to expand and improve your current Budget Formulation, Budget Execution, Dashboard Analytics, Financial Consolidation and Close, and Financial Reporting systems? Or are you planning to implement an entirely new system?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
16	Are you interested in solutions that would allow you to improve and modernize your existing Budget and Accounting systems?	Yes
17	Would you please share any issues you have with your current Budget and Accounting systems that you would like to address as part of the implementation?	The current financial reporting process is too manual, relies on spreadsheets, does not maintain audit trails, data quality control checks, workflow process, lacks data analysis and printable capabilities.
18	In addition to corporate capabilities and past performance, do you require responders to address the required functions listed on pages 1 through 7?	Submissions should demonstrate their ability to meet the requirements at a high level.
19	As part of the system implementation/reimplementation, do you require the design, development, deployment of any Report, Interface, Conversion, Enhancement (RICE) elements that you are currently aware of? These may be RICE elements that are currently in use but may need to be redeployed.	Yes, depending on the solution this may be required
20	Does the page limit include the cover page, transmittal letter, and Table of Contents?	No
21	Given the number of requirements to respond to, would the HoR increase the page count from 10 to 15 pages and exclude the ROM from the page count?	The page limit has been increased to15 pages and the vendor may exclude the ROM from the page count.
22	Will the RFP include ODC's and travel (for example, training)?	Unknown, the United States of Representees (USHOR) is still developing requirements.
23	What existing systems outside of Hyperion does HoR plan to sunset for this Cloud Based Solution?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
24	What Oracle products (modules) are currently in use for Budget, Planning, Reporting by HOR today? Are there additional modules planned/desired for implementation?	EPM Cloud with Narrative Reporting and PeopleSoft
25	What other Budget and planning tools and products (modules)/Excel are being used by other organizations/departments within HOR?	In-house Budget Formulation solution
26	How many system sources will be integrated with EPM solution (ERP, Human Resources, Projects, etc.).	At a minimum, core financial system and payroll system. Full exhaustive list to be determined
27	How many users will be trained on EPM module? Is there a preferred training method for delivery of the training?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
28	How many years of historical data will be converted?	At least 3 - 5 years for most data sets. 10 year requirement for specific data sets. Duration may vary based on the type of data
29	Can HOR share details of the current budgeting, planning, and reporting process?	For Budget Formulation and Execution, a combination of cloud-based ERP and in-house budget solution are used. For financial reporting, data originates from ERP system, is summarized in spreadsheets and published in pdf format.

30	What are current challenges with current solution?	The current process is manual intensive, relies on spreadsheets, does not maintain audit trails, data quality control checks, workflow process, lacks data analysis and printable capabilities.
31	Does HOR have a desired Implementation timeline for delivery of the requirements/objectives outlined in the RFI? Is there a follow on support period that HOR would like included in the ROM estimate?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
32	Does HOR have any automation tools currently in place within the Budget and Planning process?	Some examples: RPA, ODI for data transformation etc.
33	Does the government have a preferred Cloud Service Provider? If so, who is that Provider?	The USHOR does not a preference
34	Please provide an anticipated number of users for the new solution.	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
35	*Users want to reduce the time and effort it currently takes from entering/validating data changes in the ERP system to producing new versions of the financial statements*	Yes
36	Please confirm which ERP system the government is utilizing for their financial management.	Please see above answer
37	Please clarify how the government currently produces financial statements in correlation with the existing ERP solution.	Data originating from ERP system, summarized in spreadsheets and published in pdf format.
38	Please confirm the government requires a replacement budget and accounting solution which does not include a replacement of their financial management ERP system.	Correct
39	*Provide a description of where the software is hosted and what methodologies can be used to provide a secure tunnel granting access to House traffic monitoring tools.*	The USHOR cannot release this information.
40	Please confirm in this statement, the government's reference to "software" means "solution."	The words may be used interchangeably
41	Please clarify the scope of the Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) the government is requesting. For example, are software licensing, hosting, implementation services to be included?	The ROM should incorporate all aspects of this requirement, including licensing costs.
42	Please provide the solution the government is currently using to formulate and maintain budgets.	EPM Cloud with Narrative Reporting and in-house solution
43	Please provide the solution the government is currently using to produce financial statements.	PeopleSoft, PS/nVision, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, Audit Command Language (ACL), Adobe InDesign.
44	Can the House provide insight into how much you're currently paying annually for your Oracle solution? If applicable, please split out this figure into O&M and enhancement components?	No
45	Would the chosen implementer of the new planning system also be expected to provide O&M support to the House during and after the go-live?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
46	Can the House describe their current use of consolidations today?	N/A
47	Can the House provide insight on the objectives for FCCS and why it's needed?	There are year-end adjusting entries, and reconciliations which need to take place before we close the month of September. A dashboard of tasks and their status would provide visibility into our performance.
48	Would access to a relational database (such as Microsoft SQL Server) be available for use with the planning system?	Yes
49	Does the House currently use Oracle Data Integrator (ODI) or other ETL tools?	Yes
50	Is the House considering both true SaaS applications as well as multi-vendor-hosted solutions?	Yes
51	Are there required functions listed in the RFI items that were not already implemented and thus not available for the House to use today? Or is it a blend of both currently available and future functionality?	Yes
52	Does the House have an anticipated or desired start date for this project?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
53	Does the House have a "Go-Live" date in mind by which is would like to use all (or subsets) of the requested functionality?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
54	Can the House provide more details/insight into the process the Accounting team currently has in place to produce their standard reports (e.g., FMS 1219, FMS 1220, FMS 224, Statement of Disbursements, Statement of Accountability, 1099 reporting for the Office of the Attending Physician, etc.)?	All data originates from ERP system. FMS 1219, FMS 1220, FMS 224 data is summarized in spreadsheets, reports generated in pdf format and manually upload it into a Treasury Department system. Future requirements are to do bulk file submissions to the Treasury Department.
55	Can the House clarify the tools that are currently used to generate the Accounting team's standard reports?	PeopleSoft, PS/nVision, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, Audit Command Language (ACL), Adobe InDesign.
56	Can the House provide more specific pain points that the Accounting team faces when producing their standard reports?	The current process is too manual, relies on spreadsheets, does not maintain audit trails, data quality control checks, workflow process, lacks data analysis and printable capabilities.
57	Can the House clarify the number of users it anticipates leveraging the system from the Accounting team?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.
58	Does the House plan on managing this project directly under the CFO office, under the Enterprise Applications (EA) office, or a hybrid approach?	Unknown, the USHOR is still developing requirements.