Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System

NITC Technical Panel Update

PIONEER Transition Project
June 12, 2007

- Proposal opening was April 18th at 2:00 p.m. The vendors responding to the RFP and their final scores out of a possible 1,030 are:

    1. Saber Software Inc. ------- Columbus, Ohio…………..901.29
    2. Sagitec Solutions LLC ---- Roseville, MN……………865.73
    3. Goldstone Technologies ------ Vienna, VA…………...674.19
    4. MSI Systems Integrators, Inc. / CPAS, Omaha, NE…..670.25
    5. Softsol Technologies Inc.------ Fremont, CA…….….…580.74

    The bids ranged from approximately $6 million to $9.7 million.

- The Letter of Intent to Award to Saber Software Inc. was posted to the Purchasing WEB site on April 26, 2007.   The Saber application is a browser based system, utilizing JAVA programming language and SQL database. There were no protests from the other 4 vendors.

- The total cost, which includes the State applied costs, for each fiscal year was included in the appropriations bill and <u>approved as requested</u>. The totals are:

    o FY07-08   **$4,833,395**
    o FY08-09   **$2,036,295**
    o FY09-10   **$ 321,693**
    o TOTAL   **$7,191,383**

    Not included in the formal evaluation, but was included in Saber's proposal, was that they would not bill NPERS for support of the current PIONEER system for the duration of the project, if they were awarded the contract. This amounts to $800,000, which has been incorporated in the total costs above.

- Purchasing has reviewed and responded to all of the necessary license agreements, and the requested Alternative Terms and Conditions and Assumptions. This was sent to Saber on June 7, 2007 for their first review. We are anticipating being able to begin the project by July 2, 2007.

- We have coordinated with the OCIO and IBM to acquire a number of software items released from other agencies that will be re-instated, for a Project software savings of approximately $225,000. Also, all appropriate software has been included in the Enterprise License Agreement, which will provide additional savings.

- The Project Steering Committee members have been identified, except for someone from the NPER Board. We will know this member soon.

- The Independent Verification & Validation (Quality Assurance) function will be provided through the Office of the CIO. They are working with the UNL Office of the CIO to identify someone that could provide this service to the project.