

STATE OF ALABAMA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP # DIR.RFP.07232012

**DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES RFP
RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

08/06/12

The following responses are being issued pursuant to questions and or comments that have been submitted via email from potential interested parties.

Inquiry:

Pursuant to 1.9.2 of the RFP, we are requesting a two week extension on all dates so that we may full respond to the RFP with a complete solution that meets the agency’s needs. Please let me know.

Response:

In response to the above inquiry, the decision has been made to grant the request for a two (2) extension and it shall apply to all highlighted dates set forth in Section 2, RFP Schedule of Events.

The following table outlines the updated Schedule of Events (extended dates are denoted by a bold font):

Task	Event	Date
1	Public Notification of Intent to Propose to prospective PROPOSERS (via Postcard and www.dir.alabama.gov)	07/23/2012 (Mon)
2	Issuance of RFP (made available electronically via www.dir.alabama.gov)	07/23/2012 (Mon)
3	Deadline for Written RFP Comments and Questions	08/20/2012 (Mon)
4	Posts Responses to Comments and Questions (made available electronically via www.dir.alabama.gov)	08/31/2012 (Fri)
5	Deadline for Submitting Proposals	09/14/2012 (Fri) 12:00 noon
6	Oral Presentations for selected PROPOSERS	TBD
7	Recommendation to Director of DIR	10/12/2012 (Fri)

Unless otherwise specified, the time of day for the following events will be between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Central Time.

Inquiry:

Do you know if the services on RFP DIR.RFP.072312 are new services or if they are replacing existing services?

It looks as though they are new services and we are excited about that. It also does state however that UC needs to continue to maintain its batch processing and storage operations during time of disaster.

Response:

*The requested services outlined in **Section 1.1. Overview** should be evaluated from the perspective that they do not currently exist.*