

NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS AND
20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
CJIS REPLACEMENT AND PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD DEVELOPMENT
Response to Vendor Questions

1. Does the 20th Circuit expect to release an RFP or will you/can you award from this RFI?

As stated in the RFP, “Assuming the availability of funding, a Request for Proposals (RFP) will follow this RFI.” No award will be made from this RFI, but the content of the RFP may be influenced by vendor submissions.

2. Will only vendors who respond to the RFI be considered for participation in the RFP?

Vendors are not required to respond to the RFI to be considered, if they respond to the RFP. It is, however, in their best interest to respond to the RFI, if they intend to respond to the RFP, as RFI responses may influence the content of the RFP to their advantage.

3. The RFI references the need for (1) a Circuit level CMS/CJIS, (2) a performance dashboard, and (3) numerous interfaces. Will the 20th Circuit entertain responses from vendors for any or all of these components?

As stated in the RFP, “the 20th Circuit and the NCSC recognize that the replacement of the current CJIS system and the building of a performance dashboard could be distinct projects. The intent of combining them into one RFI is to encourage partnerships and single-company responsibility.” “The 20th Circuit is open to any and all ideas from the vendor community about how to best meet its goal to replace the CJIS system and to build a performance measurement dashboard.” The 20th Circuit will entertain any and all suggestions for supplying these components. Its preference is to deal with a single company, but it will pursue the solution most likely to attain its goals.

4. The RFI states that the CJIS and dashboard may be procured separately; does this also apply to the integration toolkit?

Yes. The 20th Circuit will entertain any and all suggestions for supplying these components.

5. Would the 20th Circuit consider an extension of the deadline by another 2 weeks to allow vendors ample time for a detailed response?

No. The 20th Circuit intends to proceed with the responses submitted in accordance with the schedule outlined in the RFI.

6. If an RFP will be released, does the 20th Circuit have an anticipated timeframe?

“The current goal is to select a vendor for the project by the end of May 2008, but the RFP process likely will not begin by then.” The current project, which includes the issuance of the RFI and RFP, is not on schedule. It is expected that the schedule will be adjusted and that the RFP issuance will be later than May 2008, but this change has not yet been made.

7. Does the 20th Circuit have an implementation timeframe in mind for this project (post award)?

The proposed implementation timeframe will be part of the RFP, and will be developed during the strategic planning process. No other information is currently available.

8. Does the 20th Circuit anticipate a 'phased approach' with data, interfaces, etc., being completed county-by-county?

No plan has been developed. The selected vendor or vendors will have some influence on the final implementation plan. This will be part of the RFP and contracting processes.

9. What is the projected number of users of the Dashboard reports and analyses under the following heads: View only; View, edit, create?

No further projections of dashboard users are available. If there are per-user licensing costs, it is suggested that the vendor provide the cost-per-user data.

10. Please verify the number of public defenders and court administration personnel; these columns do not total properly.

The correct total for the public defender is 163. All of the other numbers are correct. Court administration has eleven employees in Charlotte County, five in Collier County, and 111 in Lee County, for a total of 128. This total also includes one employee in Hendry County.

11. Are pretrial services personnel included in the numbers for court administration?

Yes.

12. Would you please identify who the outside agencies are? Are these the sheriff/law enforcement agencies referenced? Are they active users of the system or inquiry only?

These are inquiry-only users in law enforcement agencies, sheriff's offices, and clerk's offices in the Circuit.

13. Is it the intent of the 20th Circuit that certain data from the CJIS system and the 5 clerk systems will be kept in synch real-time (e.g., cases, events, person IDs, etc.)?

This has not been determined. The 20th Circuit is seeking guidance from the vendor community on these types of matters.

14. Could you provide some information on the methodology and communication protocol used for each of the interfaces currently in CJIS?

The following data interface protocols are used with various data feeds and will be detailed with application related information in the RFP: ODBC, JDBC, FTP, DTS, and Oracle TNS.

15. Is it the intent of the 20th Circuit to replace the current county-based state reporting (TCATS, OBTS, SRS, CCIS) with data from the Circuit as a whole, or will this reporting be in addition to data currently provided to the state by the clerks?

The new CJIS system will not supplant current reporting to the state by county clerks.

16. Will the CJIS system need to retrieve/view documents and/or electronic files from the external Document Management Systems databases? If so, how many such systems are there, and who are the vendors?

This approach has yet to be determined. Either viewing or copying electronic documents from these other systems are possibilities. The 20th Circuit does not wish to foreclose any possible approach by expressing a preference.

17. In addition to the 5 core measures of performance listed, what is the estimated number of subordinate tactical and operational measures to be reported and tracked?

There are no current estimates of subordinate tactical and operational measures. The 20th Circuit desires the capability to modify and enhance these measures over time, so a fixed number would limit future possibilities. Any cost estimate should focus on the five measures described in the RFI.

18. Do you have any standards or requirements for the deployment mechanism/procedure to be followed during deployment of software code?

No such standards are offered in this RFI. Any and all approaches will be considered.

19. Several RFI sections reference various systems in use or being developed by the 20th Circuit. We understand that all involved systems will be identified in the formal RFP, however, would you please confirm or correct our initial assumptions?

The new CJIS system will support the work of the state attorney, public defender, and court administration in the five-county 20th Judicial Circuit. It will integrate with existing clerk, sheriff, and law enforcement systems. CJIS will encompass the current CJIS system, UBS, E-first appearance, and E-subpoena. It is also anticipated that the system will support drug court and probation functions. Non-criminal activities (including current JACS and family court functions) are not within the scope of this RFI, but if a vendor has tools to support these functions, mention should be made of that fact.