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Letter of Addendum

TO: All Offerors

FROM: Kimela Miller, CPO

DATE: 11/25/2024

RE: RFP Number: RFP# 251005C, Amendment No. 3

Commodity: Artificial Intelligence Recruitment Support System

This amendment is issued to incorporate into the RFP questions and their answers regarding the project.

- Q1) What is the volume of calls currently? Specifically for inbound and outbound calls?
- A1) The number of call is currently very light, less than 50 a week during normal business hours.
- Q2) What provider is used for the phone system? (AT&T, Verizon, browser extension, etc).
- A2) CenturyLink and Lumen.
- Q3) Is Slate the only CRM tool that is utilized today? If not, what other tools are used?
- A3) Yes Slate is the only CRM tool.
- Q4) Are the inbound and outbound calls handled by an agent? A group of agents? How many agents are there to respond to communications from new, current, or transfer students?
- A4) Calls are handled by the staff within the Admissions Office. No groups or agents are used.
- Q5) With AI, are the expectations that the AI will conduct all the 'robo calls' or outbound calls to students in the funnel?
- A5) Yes, our expectation is the AI have the ability to conduct these types of calls.
- Q6) Does NMIMT have resources to learn the new technology, such as training, adding skills, etc? If not, is the expectation to have the AI out of the box as a plug and play?
- A6) It is the expectation that the vendor work with NMIMT to train the AI so it is prepared for the work.

- Q7) Are there any specific security standards that are paramount to address in the response outside of the ITC security standards?
- A7) Nothing outside the ITC security standards
- Q8) What is the current platform for storing student/prospect data? Is it on-prem or in the cloud?
- A8) Slate is the platform used to store prospective student data. It is cloud based
- Q9) Would integrations with Slate include the need for an interactive chatbot?
- A9) Yes, an interactive chatbot is needed.
- Q10) Can you quantify the amount of physical mail sent/received on a monthly/yearly basis? Does it need to be transformed into a digital file?
- A10) There is a minimal amount of physical mail being sent. These are in digital form.
- Q11) Are there any paper documents on file that need to be accounted for when the AI needs to be trained?
- A11) All the documents for AI training are currently in digital format.
- Q12) In 2.1 Approach, can you elaborate on what it means for "the AI should be able to be able to take each prospect through their specific path to enrollment." What does a typical "specific path to enrollment" look like?
- A12) Moving from prospect to starting the application to completing the application to accepting the admissions to paying the student access fee to registering for new student orientation.
- Q13) In the approach, is the vision to have AI take calls on the front-end only, backend only, or both where it is throughout the entire cycle of the call?
- A13) The AI should be able to take call from a student anywhere in the funnel process.
- Q14) If it is front-end only, how many agents are available to take the call once information is transferred? Or is the expectation that there will be no transfer to an agent?
- A14) There will be no transfer to agent only a list of applicants that may need to be called during traditional business hours.
- Q15) What information is typically provided in the communication to the prospective students?
- A15) Next steps, where information can be located, the degree programs we offer, how to complete an application, where an applicant can apply for institutional scholarships. What it means to be a New Tech student in and outside the classroom.
- Q16) Will there be an extension to the due date of this RFP?
- A16) Yes, we are extending to December 6, 2024.

The RFP is due on December 6, 2024.