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TO: Joint Technology Committee
FROM: Colorado Department of State
Re: June 7th Quarterly Update 2022-23 IT Capital projects: “Money In Politics System”
DATE: May 30, 2023

In advance of the Joint Technology Committee’s June 7th hearing, the Department of State received a request for updates regarding the FY22-23 DOS R-03 ‘Money in Politics System’ project.

At this time, the Department is unable to respond in detail to the questions received by the JTC on May 18th, 2023, because it is currently engaged in the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, with its attendant confidentiality requirements that prohibit public disclosure of specific information about either the bids received or the Department’s analysis of the bids, as well as disclosure of what steps the Department may be considering as a result of the bids received. Additionally, this phase of the project will not be completed by the June 7th hearing date.

Actions taken to date:

- RFP posted – 12/14/2022
- Questions due from interested parties – 1/13/2023
- RFP closed – 2/13/2023
 - Responses received: Three
- Evaluation Committee Met (rescheduled due to family emergency) – 3/28/2023
- Clarifying Questions Sent – 5/5/2023
- Responses from committee received – 5/26/2023

Next Steps:

- Continue evaluations of responses received.
- Negotiate with vendors.
- Award contract(s).
- Develop system(s).
- Conduct usability testing.
- Launch Beta version.
- Launch full-use accessibility

General information concerning current solicitation:

The Department previously provided the Committee with the solicitation packet for the RFP. (Please let us know if an additional copy is required.) That solicitation packet was the basis for the proposals that three bidders supplied earlier this year. The requirements in this solicitation established functional, technical, security, and usability mandates that were developed by the Department through consultation with staff in both the Elections and IT Divisions, as well as through user and stakeholder input received from the public that has used or had contact with the current TRACER and Lobby systems. As the Committee is aware, the overarching goal of this “Money in Politics System” development is to create a more useful, more accessible disclosure reporting system that overcomes handicaps and limitations seen in the Department’s current systems.

While the Department is constrained by confidentiality obligations during the current RFP process, it will be happy to answer specific questions once those confidentiality requirements have been lifted.