

Cognos Consulting

Request for Proposal: Questions & Responses

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1. IS ETL in scope, if yes what ETL you are planning to implement

ETL is currently not in scope. We have asked for an hourly rate in case, during the analysis phase, we decide that we need to consider implementation.

2. Can we assume that the warehouse will be maintained in SQL Server 2008.

If you mean data replicated for dashboard or cubes, yes.

3. What is the frequency of ETL load (daily/weekly/monthly)

Daily.

4. Do you have any other sources of data apart from DB2 on AS400, if yes please provide details

We also have SQL databases but at this time they are not in scope.

5. What is the source data quality? Is data cleansing required for data's from application systems?

Generally source data quality is good. Occasionally data cleansing is required.

6. How do you want to reconcile converted data using legacy reports or will the reconciliation be directly against the legacy databases?

We will reconcile that data modeling is correct using existing legacy reports.

7. Does the State expect to link data during the conversion that is not linked in the legacy systems (for example, merge person information from one system to another)?

Only data from the AS/400 is in scope with the current engagement and all necessary related data in on the AS/400.

8. Is there any requirement details available for Security Implementation?

Security has already been implemented.

9. How many number of users will be accessing the application. How many number of concurrent users will be accessing at a time (approximately).

We have under 100 user licenses that includes report developers and users. We don't have enough experience yet to know how many concurrent users.

10. What is the scalability of the data (Volume of data per month/department).

We don't know at this time. The scope of this engagement is to introduce the functionality of Cognos and assess adoption and usage as time goes on.

11. How many years of history need to be maintained in the warehouse. What is your preferred approach of building a warehouse Top-down(breaking warehouse into data marts) or Bottom-up (Departmental data marts being integrated)

Part of this engagement is to determine whether and how to implement a warehouse.