

ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, "APERS"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION ("RFQ") - SECURITIES LITIGATION, CLASS ACTION MONITORING AND ADVICE; ASSET RECOVERY

Questions concerning this RFQ must be submitted to Laura Gilson at Laura.Gilson@arkansas.gov and will be accepted until **8:00 a.m.** central time on **February 5, 2024**.

Question 1: [Y]our email states that the RFQ response shall be returned via email by 8:00 am on Monday, but the RFQ provides your address to send printed copies in three ring binders. Would you prefer that we provide our response via both email and hard copy to arrive by 8:00 am on Monday?

Answer 1: APERS requires both an electronic copy of the completed RFQ via email and the printed copies requested in the RFQ. An email with an attached, completed RFQ received before 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 5, 2023, is only sufficient to meet the deadline for consideration.

Question 2: [We] would like some clarification as to how the response to the RFQ is to be submitted. Your email below states that it should be sent to you via email. However, the RFQ itself states that 3 hard copies of the submission must be submitted. Can you please clarify whether an email submission alone is sufficient?

Answer 2: An email submission alone is not a complete response to the RFQ; therefore it is not sufficient. See answer to Question 1.

Question 3: We write to seek clarification on the page limitation described in Section 4.1.2 of the RFQ. We are unclear of the meaning of "each subject matter area," and whether the page limitation applies to each question, the entire response, or something else.

Answer 3: The page limitation applies individually to each response to a question or information requested under "5. REQUESTED INFORMATION."

Question 4: May we submit an appendix that exceeds ten pages?

Answer 4: The page limitation described in Section 4.1.2 of the RFQ means that a response to a question or information requested under "5. REQUESTED INFORMATION" includes any appendix used as a part of that response and may not exceed ten (10) pages.

Question 5: Does the 8:00 AM CST Monday, February 5, 2024, deadline apply only to electronic submission via email, or extend to the contemplated hard copy submission in the RFQ?

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