
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2024-02
BANNER FINANCE RE-IMPLEMENTATION CONSULTANT
RESPONSE TO CLARIFYING QUESTIONS I
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Note that these are questions submitted by interested firms to this solicitation. The below answers are for clarification purposes only and in no way alter or amend the solicitation as published.

1. QUESTION: What is the current Banner environment, SaaS, privately hosted, or on-premises solution?

ANSWER: The Banner environment is privately hosted with Ellucian in AWS.

2. QUESTION: If it is privately hosted or on-premises, does the Institute plan to move to Banner SaaS at some point?

ANSWER: There are no plans to move to Banner SaaS in the near future.

3. QUESTION: Banner Finance does not include a travel & expense system. Does the Institute anticipate purchasing software (i.e., Chrome River, Concur, etc.) for this project?

ANSWER: No, not at this time.

4. QUESTION: Can the Institute clarify “Reimplement Banner Finance from Blackbaud FENXT”? Does this mean Banner is replacing Blackbaud ERP functionality, and Banner was never fully implemented in the past?

ANSWER: Yes, Banner is replacing Blackbaud ERP functionality. Banner Finance was previously fully implemented and used prior to implementation of Blackbaud FENXT.

- a. QUESTION: If not, is there more than one Banner chart defined in General Accounting?

ANSWER: Banner is replacing Blackbaud ERP functionality.

- b. QUESTION: If not, are any Banner-defined charts fully defined and viable for transaction throughput?

ANSWER: Banner is replacing Blackbaud ERP functionality.

- c. QUESTION: If not, are there any modifications to Banner Finance or other Banner Systems? If so, can you please define them?

ANSWER: Banner is replacing Blackbaud ERP functionality.

- d. QUESTION: If not, are there still staff employed who were part of the original implementation?

ANSWER: Banner is replacing Blackbaud ERP functionality.

5. QUESTION: What are the current 3rd party integrations with Blackbaud FENXT?

ANSWER: There are no 3rd party integrations with Blackbaud FENXT.

6. QUESTION: What, if any, is the Institute's current reporting software?

ANSWER: Current reporting is a combination of reporting directly out of Blackbaud FENXT and historical FAST information from Banner Finance. Oregon Tech is currently evaluating new Budget and Reporting software to align with the Banner re-implementation.

End of Clarifying Questions I