



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP # 2024-07

OMIC R&D IT SERVICES

ISSUE DATE: September 23, 2024

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CLOSING TIME: 1:00 P.M., Pacific Time (PT)

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**OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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SECTION I - INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION

The Oregon Institute of Technology (“Oregon Tech”) is seeking proposals to select a contractor to provide information technology (“IT”) services to the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center Research and Development (“OMIC R&D”).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It will be the responsibility of potential proposers to refer daily to the Public University Procurement Website (<https://www2.wou.edu/nora/orpu.bid.home>) to check for any available addenda, response to clarifying questions, cancellations or other information pertaining to this Request for Proposals (“RFP”).

VIRTUAL Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference & Tour: Monday, September 30, 2024, 1:00 PM – 2:00 P.M. PT

The virtual mandatory pre-proposal conference will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Proposers wishing to attend must email Michele.Vitali@oit.edu no later than **5:00 PM, PT on September 23, 2024** to receive the Microsoft Teams meeting link. The email subject line should contain the solicitation number and name and the firm name.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Issuing Office: The Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center Research and Development (OMIC R&D, hosted by Oregon Tech) is the Issuing Office and is the sole point of contact for clarifications regarding technical specifications in this RFP. The Oregon Tech Procurement and Contract Services Office is the sole point of contact regarding the RFP process. All correspondence pertaining to these two matters should be appropriately addressed to the contact persons below:

Content and Technical Specifications

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The timing and sequence of events resulting from this RFP will be ultimately determined by Oregon Tech. The following schedule is illustrative of optimal timing goals:

RFP Issue Date.....	September 23, 2024
Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference & Tour	September 30, 2024 (1:00 P.M., PT)
Deadline for Protest of Specifications	October 3, 2024 (5:00 P.M., PT)
All Clarifying Questions Due	October 4, 2024 (5:00 P.M., PT)
Notice of Interest Deadline	October 7, 2024 (5:00 P.M., PT)
Closing Date (Proposals Due).....	October 10, 2024 (1:00 P.M., PT)
Finalist Presentations (if required)	October 23, 2024
Deadline for Protest of Award.....	Seven (7) calendar days after date on Notice of Award letter
Anticipated Contract Begin Date	On or around December 2, 2024

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Oregon Tech reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this RFP. Oregon Tech Policy Chapter 580-61 and 580-62 govern the procurement process for Oregon Tech.

1. Modification or Withdrawal of Proposal. Any proposal may be modified or withdrawn at any time prior to the closing deadline, provided that a written request is received by the Procurement and Contract Services Office, prior to the Closing Date. The withdrawal of a proposal will not prejudice the right of a Proposer to submit a new proposal.

2. Notice of Interest. The Notice of Interest (form attached below) should be submitted to the Procurement and Contract Services Office by 5:00 P.M., PT, on the date indicated in the Schedule of Events, via email. In the Notice of Interest, the Proposer must provide the name of the primary contact person, plus that person’s current telephone number and email address for communication of information about the RFP. Proposers that complete and return the Notice of Interest will receive the same supplementary information. Submission of the Notice of Interest is not a mandatory requirement for Proposers to submit a proposal.

3. Requests for Clarification and Requests for Change: Proposers may submit questions regarding the specifications of the RFP. Questions must be received in writing on or before 5:00 P.M., PT, on the date indicated in the Schedule of Events, at the Procurement and Contract Services email address as listed in the Contact Information section of the RFP. Requests for changes must include the reason for the change and any proposed changes to the requirements.

The purpose of this requirement is to permit Oregon Tech to correct, prior to the opening of proposals, RFP terms or technical requirements that may be unlawful, improvident or which unjustifiably restrict competition.

Oregon Tech will consider all requested changes and, if appropriate, amend the RFP. Oregon Tech will provide reasonable notice of its decision to all Proposers that submit a Notice of Interest and on the Public University Procurement Website (<https://www2.wou.edu/nora/orpu.bid.home>).

No oral or written instructions or information concerning this RFP from Oregon Tech managers, employees or agents to prospective Proposers shall bind Oregon Tech unless included in an Addendum to the RFP.

4. Protests of the RFP/Specifications: Protests must be in accordance with Oregon Tech Policy Section 580-061-0145. Protests of Specifications must be received in writing on or before 5:00 P.M., PT, on the date indicated in the Schedule of Events, or within seven (7) business days of issuance of any addendum, at the Procurement and Contract Services email address as listed in the Contact Information section of the RFP. Protests may not be faxed. Protests of the RFP specifications must include the reason for the protest and any proposed changes to the requirements.

5. Addenda: If any part of this RFP is amended, addendum will be provided on the Public University Procurement Website (<https://www2.wou.edu/nora/orpu.bid.home>), with a copy to all parties who submit the Notice of Interest.

6. Post-Selection Review and Protest of Award: Oregon Tech will name the apparent successful Proposer in a “Notice of Intent to Award” letter. Identification of the apparent successful Proposer is procedural only and creates no right in the named Proposer to award of the contract. Competing Proposers will be notified in writing of the selection of the apparent successful Proposer(s) and shall be given seven (7) calendar days from the date on the “Notice of Intent to Award” letter to review the file and evaluation report at the Procurement and Contract Services Office and file a written protest of award, pursuant to Oregon Tech Policy Section 580-061-0145. Any award protest must be in writing and must be delivered by email to the address for the Procurement and Contract Services Office as listed in the Contact Information section of the RFP.

Oregon Tech will consider any protests received and:

- (A) reject all protests and proceed with final evaluation of, and any allowed contract language negotiation with, the apparent successful Proposer and, pending the satisfactory outcome of this final evaluation and negotiation, enter into a contract with the named Proposer; OR
- (B) sustain a meritorious protest(s) and reject the apparent successful Proposer as nonresponsive, if such Proposer is unable to demonstrate that its proposal complied with all material requirements of the solicitation and Oregon public procurement law; thereafter, Oregon Tech may name a new apparent successful Proposer; OR
- (C) reject all proposals and cancel the procurement.

The Oregon Tech Vice President for Finance and Administration or designee will timely respond to the protest after receipt. This decision shall be final.

7. Acceptance of Contractual Requirements: Failure of the selected Proposer to execute a contract and deliver required insurance certificates within ten (10) calendar days after notification of an award may result in cancellation of the award. This time period may be extended at the sole discretion of Oregon Tech.

8. Public Records: proposals are deemed confidential until the “Notice of Intent to Award” letter is issued. This RFP and one copy of each proposal received in response to it, together with copies of all documents pertaining to the award of a contract, will be kept and made a part of a file or record which will be open to public inspection. If a proposal contains any information that is considered a **TRADE SECRET UNDER ORS 192.501(2), SUCH INFORMATION MUST BE LISTED ON A**

SEPARATE SHEET CAPABLE OF SEPARATION FROM THE REMAINING PROPOSAL AND MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE FOLLOWING LEGEND:

“This information constitutes a trade secret under ORS 192.501(2), and shall not be disclosed except in accordance with the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS Chapter 192.”

The Oregon Public Records Law exempts from disclosure only bona fide trade secrets, and the exemption from disclosure applies only “unless the public interest requires disclosure in the particular instance.” ORS 192.500(1). Therefore, non-disclosure of documents or any portion of a document submitted as part of a proposal may depend upon official or judicial determinations made pursuant to the Public Records Law.

9. Investigation of References: Oregon Tech reserves the right to investigate all references in addition to those supplied references and investigate past performance of any Proposer with respect to its successful performance of similar services, its compliance with specifications and contractual obligations, its completion or delivery of a project on schedule, its lawful payment of subcontractors and workers and any other factor relevant to this RFP. Oregon Tech may postpone the award or the execution of the contract after the announcement of the apparent successful Proposer in order to complete its investigation.

10. RFP Proposal Preparation Costs and Other Costs: Proposer costs of developing the proposal, cost of attendance at an interview (if requested by Oregon Tech) or any other costs are entirely the responsibility of the Proposer, and will not be reimbursed in any manner by Oregon Tech.

11. Clarification and Clarity: Oregon Tech reserves the right to seek clarification of each proposal, or to make an award without further discussion of proposals received. Therefore, it is important that each proposal be submitted initially in the most complete, clear and favorable manner possible.

12. Right to Reject Proposals: Oregon Tech reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, if such rejection would be in the public interest, as determined by Oregon Tech.

13. Cancellation: Oregon Tech reserves the right to cancel or postpone this RFP at any time or to award no contract.

14. Proposal Terms: All proposals, including any price quotations, will be valid and firm through a period of sixty (60) calendar days following the Closing Date. Oregon Tech may require an extension of this firm offer period. Proposers will be required to agree to the longer time frame in order to be further considered in the procurement process.

15. Oral Presentations: At Oregon Tech’s sole option, Proposers may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to Oregon Tech, a process which would provide an opportunity for the Proposer to clarify or elaborate on the proposal, but will in no material way change Proposer’s original proposal. If the evaluating committee requests presentations, the Issuing Office will schedule the time and location for said presentation. Any costs of participating in such presentations will be borne solely by Proposer and will not be reimbursed by Oregon Tech. **Note:** Oral presentations are at the discretion of the evaluating committee and may not be conducted; therefore, **written proposals should be complete.**

16. Usage: It is the intention of Oregon Tech to utilize the services of the successful Proposer(s) to provide services as outlined in the below Scope of Work.

17. Sample Contract: Submission of a proposal in response to this RFP indicates Proposer’s willingness

to enter a contract containing substantially the same terms listed in Exhibit A – Oregon Tech Sample Contract, attached hereto and made a part hereof (“Sample Contract”). No action or response to the Sample Contract is required under this RFP. Any objections to the Sample Contract terms should be raised in accordance with Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the “General Provisions” of this RFP, pertaining to requests for clarification or change or protest of the RFP/specifications, and as otherwise provided for in this RFP.

18. Review for Responsiveness: Upon receipt of all proposals, the Issuing Office or designee will determine the responsiveness of all proposals before submitting them to the evaluation committee. If a proposal is incomplete or non-responsive in significant part or in whole, it will be rejected and will not be submitted to the evaluation committee. Oregon Tech reserves the right to determine if an inadvertent error is solely clerical or is a minor informality which may be waived, and then to determine if an error is grounds for disqualifying a proposal. The Proposer’s contact person identified on the proposal will be notified, identifying the reason(s) the proposal is non-responsive.

19. Rejections and Withdrawals. Oregon Tech reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to withdraw any item from the award.

20. RFP Incorporated into Contract. This RFP will become part of the Contract between Oregon Tech and the selected contractor(s). The contractor(s) will be bound to perform according to the terms of this RFP, their proposal(s), and the terms of Exhibit A.

21. Communication Blackout Period. Except as called for in this RFP, Proposers may not communicate with members of the Evaluation Committee about the RFP until the apparent successful Proposer is selected, and all protests, if any, have been resolved.

22. Prohibition on Commissions. Oregon Tech will contract directly with persons/entities capable of performing the requirements of this RFP. Contractors must be represented directly. Participation by brokers or commissioned agents will not be allowed during the proposal process.

23. Ownership of Proposals. All proposals in response to this RFP are the sole property of Oregon Tech, and subject to the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 192 (Oregon Public Records Law).

24. Clerical Errors in Awards. Oregon Tech reserves the right to correct inaccurate awards resulting from its clerical errors.

25. Rejection of Qualified Proposals. Proposals may be rejected in whole or in part if they attempt to limit or modify any of the terms, conditions or specifications of the RFP or the Oregon Tech Sample Contract.

26. Collusion. By responding, the Proposer states that the proposal is not made in connection with any competing Proposer submitting a separate response to the RFP and is in all aspects fair and without collusion or fraud. Proposer also certifies that no officer, agent, or employee of Oregon Tech has a pecuniary interest in this proposal.

27. Evaluation Committee: Proposals will be evaluated by a committee consisting of representatives from Oregon Tech. Oregon Tech reserves the right to modify the Evaluation Committee make-up in its sole discretion. The committee’s recommendations will be forwarded to the Vice President for Finance and Administration, or designee, for final approval.

28. Commencement of Work: The Proposer shall commence no work until all insurance requirements have been met, the Protest of Awards deadline has been passed, any protest have been decided, a contract has been fully executed, and a Notice to Proceed has been issued by Oregon Tech.

29. Use of Brand or Trade Names: Any brand or trade names used by Oregon Tech in the specifications are for the purpose of describing and establishing the standard of quality, performance, and characteristics desired, and are not intended to limit or restrict competition. Proposers may submit proposals for substantially equivalent products to those designated unless this RFP provides that a specific brand is necessary because of compatibility or other requirements. All such brand substitutions shall be subject to approval by Oregon Tech.

30. Best and Final Offer: Oregon Tech may request best and final offers from those Proposers determined by Oregon Tech to be reasonably viable for contract award. However, Oregon Tech reserves the right to award a contract on the basis of initial proposal received. Therefore, each proposal should contain the Proposer’s best terms from a price and technical standpoint. Following evaluation of the best and final offers, Oregon Tech may select for final contract negotiations/execution the offers that are most advantageous to Oregon Tech, considering cost and the evaluation criteria in this RFP.

TERM OF CONTRACT

The Contract is expected to begin on or about December 2, 2024, and extend to June 30, 2026, with an option for two (2) successive one (1) year renewals thereafter, subject to the Contractor’s continued successful performance as determined by Oregon Tech. Oregon Tech intends to reserve the right upon thirty (30) days’ notice to the Contractor to terminate the Contract for its convenience.

DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS

The complete proposal (including all attachments) must be emailed and must be electronically received by **1:00 P.M. PT, October 10, 2024**. **Email subject line must be “Response to RFP#2024-07.”** Proposer are encouraged to telephone and confirm electronic receipt of the complete emailed document(s) with the Procurement and Contract Services Office before the above time and date deadline. Proposals delayed or lost by email system filtering or failures may be considered at Oregon Tech’ sole discretion.

It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that proposals arrive by the closing date and time. **NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Proposals may not be submitted by telephone or fax. Proposals must be e-mailed to:

Email: Purchasing@oit.edu

Proposals will be publicly opened by a designee in the Procurement and Contract Services Office on the Closing Date.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

OMIC R&D, hosted by Oregon Tech, is a two (2)-building campus located in Scappoose, Oregon.

- campus is comprised of two buildings that reside on single network
- currently employs a staff of 12 with plans to grow staff to 20 over the next 3 years
- staff works both on-site and remotely

- active primary fiber internet service with satellite backup internet service
- ability for staff to VPN into network
- on-site physical server divided into virtual servers (Active Directory, File Server)
- on-site and cloud-based server backup
- mix of laptop and desktop Windows PCs with endpoint detection and response software
- MS365 is supported directly by host OIT (MS365 management is out of scope)
- various R&D machines that require network connection and install support
- campus cameras and access control run through Unifi system by Ubiquiti

SCOPE OF WORK

The selected MSP will be responsible for providing the following services:

1. Network Management

Monitoring and management of network infrastructure
 Regular updates and patch management
 Security management, including firewall and VPN services
 24/7 network monitoring and incident response
 Management and support of access control and on sites camera system
 Assistance with connectivity and software installation for OMIC R&D Machines

2. Server and Infrastructure Management

Monitoring and management of servers (on-premises and cloud)
 Virtualization management and support
 Backup and disaster recovery services
 Storage management and optimization

3. Help Desk and User Support

M-F 8AM-5PM PST help desk services for end-users – excluding State and National holidays
 Remote and on-site support (6 min on-site visits as requested in 12-month period)
 Weekly touch base meeting with Fractional CIO/OMIC staff
 Incident management and resolution
 Hardware and software troubleshooting
 New hire account and computer setup

4. Security Services

Security audits and vulnerability assessments
 Implementation and management of security policies
 Anti-virus and anti-malware management
 Data encryption and secure access control
 Working with outside Cybersecurity vendor

5. Reporting and Documentation

Monthly performance reports
 Incident and resolution reports
 Documentation of all IT assets and changes

Service Level Agreement (SLA) Requirements

Respondents must provide a detailed SLA that covers:

- Guaranteed response times for different priority levels
- Availability of services
- Uptime guarantees
- Penalties for failure to meet SLA requirements

SECTION II – INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM PROPOSERS

PROPOSAL FORM AND CONTENT

Proposals that do not contain all the information requested in this and other sections may be rejected as non-responsive.

Submission Format

1. The proposal should be written on standard size (8½” x 11”) paper, using generally accessible word processing and document formats conducive to cut-and-paste transfer of information to contracts or other summary documents. MSOffice Suite and Adobe Acrobat documents are preferred.
2. Proposers should structure responses as outlined in this RFP. Proposals should be prepared so that responses are specifically addressed in the same order as the requested information identified below and on the Questionnaire. Pages should be numbered consecutively.

File Size Limit

Proposer’s submission may not exceed **25 MB** in file size. This limit cannot be increased, and files of larger size will not be accepted.

REQUIRED PROPOSAL CONTENT

1. You must complete the **Bidder/Proposer Non-Discrimination and Oregon Tax Laws Certification** sheet, signed by an authorized company official.
2. The proposal must also include the following:
 - a. **Title Page or Cover Letter.** The title page or cover letter should indicate the date, subject, name of the Proposer, address, current telephone number, e-mail address, name and title of the Proposer’s contact person as well as a signature of an authorized official with the authority to negotiate and contractually bind the Proposer.
 - b. **Questionnaire.** Complete and specific answers to the Questionnaire for Proposers. Please respond by restating each question and thereafter providing your answer in order beginning with question 1.
3. **Summary Statement.** The Proposer may, but is not required to, provide a summary statement as to its qualifications, as well as briefly describe (no more than five hundred (500) words) any special considerations the Oregon Tech should consider.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated for completeness and compliance with this RFP. Proposals considered complete will be evaluated to determine if they comply with the administrative, contractual, and technical requirements of the RFP. If the proposal is unclear, Proposers may be asked to provide written clarification. **Proposals that do not specifically address the scope of work or do not include the**

complete proposal content may be rejected.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria and questions outlined in the Questionnaire for Proposers:

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| 1. Understanding of Needs/Scope of Work | 25 points |
| 2. Experience and Qualifications | 25 points |
| 3. Quality and Alignment of Proposed SLA | 25 points |
| 4. Pricing | 15 points |
| 5. Client References and Feedback | 10 points |

Total Possible: 100 points

SECTION III – QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROPOSERS

Please submit your responses in order beginning with question 1 by restating the question, then providing your answer. Use additional sheets as necessary. Be specific with names and numbers.

1. Understanding of Needs/Scope of Work

Using the Scope of Work as a guide, outline a work plan, with target dates for beginning and completion of essential steps necessary to meet the deadlines. Please include any additional services or value-added offerings.

2. Experience and Qualifications

Description of past experience in the successful completion of similar services for higher education. Experience working with Oregon issues, preferred. Firms should provide evidence of the successful completion of at least three such projects. Please provide name, address, and current telephone numbers of contact person for such projects.

Identify specific person(s) who would be responsible for the proposed work and include a brief resume for each. Please list references for each person identified including name, address, and current telephone number of an appropriate reference contact person.

3. Quality/Alignment of Proposed SLA

Please include proposed Service Level Agreements (SLA) as outlined in the Scope of Work. Proposal should be fully compliant and present a complete recommended approach.

4. Pricing

Pricing and fee schedules should be on an hourly rate and sufficiently descriptive to facilitate acceptance of a proposal. List the not-to-exceed (NTE) amount you propose for each service listed in the scope. Pricing should outline all estimated expenses, such as travel and lodging for on-site support if not included in the base quote, as well as any printing and mailing, and miscellaneous expenses, which are separately reimbursable

5. Client References and Feedback

Provide at least three (3) references from clients your firm has served in the past three (3) years, including one (1) client that has newly engaged the firm in the past three (3) years and one (1) long-term client (i.e., over three (3) years). Provide the name, address, and current telephone number of each reference.

SECTION IV – CONTRACT TERMS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

NOTICE OF INTEREST

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Name of Consultant/Firm: _____

Check One:

_____ Yes, this firm will submit a proposal in response to this RFP. Please forward any addenda to the RFP to my attention.

_____ No, this firm does not anticipate submitting a proposal in response to this request.

Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

Please email this Notice of Interest no later than October 7, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. PT to Purchasing@oit.edu.

**BIDDER/PROPOSER
NON-DISCRIMINATION AND OREGON TAX LAWS CERTIFICATION**

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I, the undersigned, have read all of the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals, and I understand that if awarded the contract, I and the firm represented herein shall be bound by its terms and conditions and representations made in this response. I certify that the named firm has not discriminated against minority, women, or emerging small business enterprises in obtaining any required subcontracts.

Certified Minority, Women, or Emerging Small Business

For statistical purposes only, please indicate if your firm is an Oregon certified minority, women, or emerging small business (check all applicable): DBE MBE WBE ESB

Certificate of Compliance with Oregon Tax Laws

I, the undersigned, (check one):

- hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am not in violation of any Oregon Tax Laws.
- hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to act on behalf of the firm herein named and to the best of my knowledge, such firm is not in violation of any Oregon Tax Laws.

For purposes of this certification, "Oregon Tax Laws" means a state tax imposed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 320.005 to 320.150 and 403.200 to 403.250, ORS Chapters 118, 314, 316, 317, 318, 321, and 323; the elderly rental assistance program under ORS 310.630 to 310.706; and local taxes administered by the Oregon Department of Revenue under ORS 305.620.

Business Designation (check one): Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship
 Governmental/Non-Profit Limited Partnership Limited Liability Partnership
 Limited Liability Company

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

E-mail: _____

EXHIBIT A

OREGON TECH SAMPLE CONTRACT

[Please see attached.]