



THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
Office of HUB & Procurement Programs

**ADDENDUM NO. 2**

Date: April 1, 2021

RE: RFQ01 CIO-21-103  
RFP Due Date: April 13, 2021

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*Respondents shall acknowledge receipt of addendum(s) on the Execution of Offer (Exhibit A).*

**Questions/Answers:**

1. RFP Section 3.6.1 Use of Journal/Transaction Detail: The document states – ‘The current FAMIS AFR module uses data from summary general and subsidiary ledgers as its source data. These summary ledgers lack one of the key dimensions required to produce some sections of the AFR. For this reason, the A&M System would like to use journal line detail to support the AFR reporting process. ’

- What data is missing from the AFR solution and for how many transactions?

A - The first question is answered in Addendum 1. Specifically see question 36 – which has been repeated here for your convenience:

A – The dimension is known as the “bank” dimension in FAMIS. It contains information on local/state funds, state appropriations, and federal appropriations. The bank dimension is used to build the schedule of cash & cash equivalents, which is used to report the cash in banks according to where the funds are held – local bank or cash in state treasury.

- Does the summary GL and Sub Ledgers are on different segments and there is mismatch for which you need to post millions of journals in the new solution?

A - The issue with the GL and SL summary ledgers is that they do not contain data on the critical bank dimension.

Certainly, in the implementation of the selected solution, data could be aggregated by the solution (or an integration) as it is ingested. The A&M System also strongly desires the drill-down / drill-through ability with the selected solution - perhaps to intermediate aggregate levels, and eventually to the journal detail. This may best be done by integrations. However, the A&M System wants to understand the power and capabilities of the proposed solution.

2. RFP Section 3.6.1 Use of Journal/Transaction Detail: Do we have any intelligence if the customer intends to move to a new financial system in near future?

A - Per section 3.2 of the RFP, the A&M System is continuing with its current financial system for the foreseeable future.

3. 3.2 states that “The financial system is integrated with an Enterprise Data Warehouse”. Does the Enterprise Data Warehouse contain the required information to generate a trial balance? What is the frequency schedule for updating the Data Warehouse?

A - Generally speaking - yes, the EDW has the information required to generate a trial balance. However, the bank account dimension has not been fully developed in the EDW to facilitate this process. This development will likely be part of the AFR tool implementation.

The EDW does not have access to the AFR manual entries performed within the current report writer tool. Therefore a replacement of these manual entries with adjusting journals in the selected solution is a critical requirement.

The EDW also does not currently perform any consolidation, and its reclassification process is limited.

The EDW is updated daily from FAMIS. However, in order for the selected solution to be effective and serve the A&M System needs, near real time updates (perhaps every 30-60 minutes) are required. Whether or not those updates pass through the EDW will be an implementation decision. The A&M System expects to allocate internal resources to build this near-time integration, and also expects the selected solution to be able to ingest and accept this data and have it reflected on reports in near real-time shortly after the data is received.

4. In regards to question #36 in Addendum 1, what logic is used to derive the "bank" dimension in FAMIS today? For instance, is there a relationship to the other dimensions, or is it all manual involvement/knowledge?

A: The Bank dimension in FAMIS is a simple five-character data element that is recorded on every journal transaction. The unique key to the dimension is campus code (identifies the A&M System Member / legal entity), Fiscal Year, and the five-character bank.

Banks have a set of attributes such as state or local indicator, state fund, state appropriation number, etc. These attributes may be used to breakdown assets on the balance sheet.

5. Would it be possible to get a Word version, as opposed to a PDF, of the attached document? Or if that's not possible, can we get a PDF version that allows for copying of the text?

A: A word copy has been posted as well.

**END OF ADDENDUM NO. 2**