

Invitation to Bid #710-23-0052

Asset Verification Services

Bid Deadline: July 26, 2023 at 1 p.m. CT Bid Opening Date & Time: July 26, 2023 at 2 p.m. CT

Submitted to:

Arkansas Department of Human Services

Attn: Office of Procurement David King, OP Buyer 700 Main Street, Slot W345 Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 683-6456 DHS.OP.Solicitations@dhs.arkansas.gov

Submitted by:

Softheon Inc. Rob Miller General Manager & SVP, Govt. Solutions 1500 Stony Brook Road Stony Brook, NY 11794 (631) 885-3939 rmiller@softheon.com

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I. Bid Response Packet

Please see the following pages for Softheon Inc.'s completed Bid Response Packet. Note that Softheon has strictly adhered to all Invitation to Bid (ITB) requirements set forth in the procurement, including not providing any supplemental information. However, we would be happy to provide additional information as needed specific to how we can fully support the Scope of Work, leveraging our experience as a national leader in performing the same type of Asset Verification Services (AVS) as set forth in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) since 2014 – *exceeding the minimum 5 years of experience required*.

As the Prime Contractor, we have been awarded nine state contracts alongside our work for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), with seven of those contracts centered on performing the same type of verifications as set forth in the ITB. Please see our references provided in this section for details on three of our state contracts held.

BID RESPONSE PACKET 710-23-0052

BID SIGNATURE PAGE

Type or Print the following information.

	PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR'S INFORMATION											
Company:	Softheon Inc.											
Address:	1500 Stony Brook Road											
City:	Stony Brook		State:		NY	Zip Code:	11794					
Business Designation <i>:</i>	☐ Individual☐ Partnership		e Proprietorship poration			☐ Public Serv ☐ Nonprofit	vice Corp					
Minority and Women-Owned Designation* <i>:</i>	☑ Not Applicable□ African American□ Asian American	□ Amerio □ Hispar □ Pacific		ervice D Vomen-C	isabled Veter)wned	ran						
	AR Certification #: N/A		* See Mino	ority a	nd Wom	en-Owned Bu	usiness Policy					

PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR CONTACT INFORMATION Provide contact information to be used for bid solicitation related matters.									
Contact Person:	Rob Miller	b Miller Title: GM & SVP, Government Solutio							
Phone:	631-885-3939	Alternate Phone:	N/A						
Email: rmiller@softheon.com									

CONFIRMATION OF REDACTED COPY

 \square YES, a redacted copy of submission documents is enclosed.

□ NO, a redacted copy of submission documents is <u>not</u> enclosed. I understand a full copy of non-redacted submission documents will be released if requested.

Note: If a redacted copy of the submission documents is not provided with Prospective Contractor's response packet, and neither box is checked, a copy of the non-redacted documents, with the exception of financial data (other than pricing), will be released in response to any request made under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See Bid Solicitation for additional information.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CONFIRMATION

By signing and submitting a response to this *Bid Solicitation*, a Prospective Contractor agrees and certifies that they do not employ or contract with illegal immigrants. If selected, the Prospective Contractor certifies that they will not employ or contract with illegal immigrants during the aggregate term of a contract.

ISRAEL BOYCOTT RESTRICTION CONFIRMATION

By checking the box below, a Prospective Contractor agrees and certifies that they do not boycott Israel, and if selected, will not boycott Israel during the aggregate term of the contract.

☑ Prospective Contractor does not and will not boycott Israel.

An official authorized to bind the Prospective Contractor to a resultant contract must sign below.

The signature below signifies agreement that any exception that conflicts with a Requirement of this *Bid Solicitation* **will cause the Prospective Contractor's bid to be disqualified:**

Authorized Signature:

Title: <u>GM & SVP</u>, Government Solutions

Printed/Typed Name: Rob Miller

Date: July 24, 2023

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SECTIONS 1 - 4 VENDOR AGREEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

- Any requested exceptions to items in this section which are <u>NON-mandatory</u> must be declared below or as an attachment to this page. Vendor must clearly explain the requested exception and should label the request to reference the specific solicitation item number to which the exception applies.
 - Exceptions to Requirements shall cause the vendor's proposal to be disqualified.

Softheon: Request for the Minor Addition of 1 Word to Ensure Clarity

File/Location: Attachment F, BAA, Section II. Responsibilities of Business Associate, Item #I

"Business Associate shall require each Subcontractor to agree, in writing, to materially the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate."

By signature below, vendor agrees to and **shall** fully comply with all requirements as shown in the bid solicitation.

Vendor Name:	Softheon Inc.	Date:	July 24, 2023
Signature:	Autha	Title:	GM & SVP, Govt. Solutions
Printed Name:	Rob Miller		

PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTORS FORM

• **Do not** include additional information relating to subcontractors on this form or as an attachment to this form.

PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR PROPOSES TO USE THE FOLLOWING SUBCONTRACTOR(S) TO PROVIDE SERVICES.

Type or Print the following information

Subcontractor's Company Name	Street Address	City, State, ZIP
N/A		

☑ PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR DOES NOT PROPOSE TO USE SUBCONTRACTORS TO PERFORM SERVICES.

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

As outlined in section 2.2 Minimum Qualifications in the solicitation document, please provide the following:

• Certificate of Good Standing, Certificate of Authority, other required Arkansas Secretary of State documentation

Softheon's Response:

Confirmed. Please see *Attachment A. Softheon's State of Arkansas Certificate of Good Standing* for evidence of our good standing in the State, licensed with the Arkansas Secretary of State. Softheon has been a registered business in the State of Arkansas since August 2018.

• Listing of financial institutions and description of methodology for securing additional financial institutions

Softheon's Response:



• Three (3) references as outlined in 2.2.D.

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DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

As outlined in section 2.2 Minimum Qualifications in the solicitation document, please provide the following:

• Letter of Bondability

Softheon's Response:

Please see Attachment D. Softheon's Letter of Bondability_Bid 710-23-0052 included with our bid as required.

• Official Bid Price Sheet

Softheon's Response:

Please see *Pricing_Softheon's Official Bid Price Sheet_Bid 710-23-0052* included as a completed, separate from to ensure the separation of all cost information from our technical proposal, as required.

• All documents provided in the bid response packet

Softheon's Response:

Confirmed. Softheon has included all attachments as part of our bid submission.

• Copy of Vendor's Equal Opportunity Policy

Softheon's Response:

Please see Attachment E. Softheon's Employee Handbook with EEO Policy Information for a copy of our employee handbook which includes our specific Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) provisions applicable to all employees.

• Signed Addenda, if applicable

Softheon's Response:

Please see Attachment F. Softheon's Signed Addendum 1_Bid 710-23-0052 and Attachment G. Softheon's Signed Addendum 2_Bid 710-23-0052 included with our bid as acknowledgments of both addendums released. Softheon also hereby acknowledges receipt of the Q&A released as well to provide further clarification to bidders.

• EO 98-04 Disclosure Form (Attachment A)

Softheon's Response:

Please see *Attachment H. Softheon's Completed Disclosure Form_Bid 710-23-0052* for our completed EO 98-04 Disclosure Form as required.



Attachment A. Certificate of Good Standing

Please see Attachment A. Softheon's State of Arkansas Certificate of Good Standing as provided on the following page.



Arkansas Secretary of State John Thurston

State Capitol Building + Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1094 + 501-682-3409

Certificate of Good Standing I, John Thurston, Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas, and as such, keeper of the records of domestic and foreign corporations, do hereby certify that the records of this office show

SOFTHEON INC.

formed under the laws of the state of Delaware, and authorized to transact business in the State of Arkansas as a Foreign For Profit Corporation, was granted a Application for Certificate of Authority by this office August 24, 2018.

Our records reflect that said entity, having complied with all statutory requirements in the State of Arkansas, is qualified to transact business in this State.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal. Done at my office in the City of Little Rock, this 13th day of July 2023.

m Thurston

John Thurston Online Certificate Authorization Code: dfcdc3bad2d3a8a To verify the Authorization Code, visit sos.arkansas.gov

Attachment B. AR Regional FI Network

Please see Attachment B. Softheon's AR Regional-specific Financial Institution Network as provided on the following pages. Note that this information is proprietary and confidential to Softheon and should not be disclosed. This information has been redacted in our separate redacted version of our response, submitted to facilitate any public information requests received.

Arkansas-specific Regional Area – Financial Institution Network

















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Attachment C. Nationwide FI Network

Please see Attachment C. Softheon's Nationwide Financial Institution Network as provided on the following pages. Note that this information is proprietary and confidential to Softheon and should not be disclosed. This information has been redacted in our separate redacted version of our response, submitted to facilitate any public information requests received.

Nationwide Financial Institution Network



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Attachment D. Letter of Bondability

Please see Attachment D. Softheon's Letter of Bondability_Bid 710-23-0052 as provided on the following pages.



July 17, 2023

State of Arkansas Department of Human Services 112 West 8th Street, Slot W345 Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Letter of Bondability – Invitation for Bid (ITB) #710-23-0052 for Asset Verification Services

Attn: Office of Procurement, Mary Kathryn Williams, Chief Procurement Officer, and David King, Buyer

Ms. Williams and Mr. King,

IMA, Inc. manages the surety bond program for Softheon Inc. Surety bonds for Softheon are underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, which is rated "A, XIV" by A.M. Best Company, is on the current U.S. Department of Treasury's List of Certified Companies, and an admitted insurer in all 50 states. The IMA team has worked with the principals of Softheon for many years and we are proud to provide a surety reference for them.

While no single or aggregate bond limit has been established for Softheon, United States Fire Insurance Company is prepared to support Softheon's proposal to the State of Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) ITB #710-23-0052 for Asset Verification Services, Softheon Inc. We understand Softheon's proposal is for an amount at or around \$1,000,000 per year. Upon award, United States Fire Insurance Company is prepared to issue, on Softheon behalf, a performance bond in 100% of the annual contract price to guarantee Softheon's performance in all respects of the terms and conditions as set forth in the ITB and the resultant contract. Further, Softheon shall be required to provide DHS with a Performance Bond, as described in the ITB, upon the start of the contract. Softheon is a bondable entity suitable for award.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Clampert Attorney-in-Fact

POWER OF ATTORNEY UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY PRINCIPAL OFFICE - MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That United States Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, has made, constituted and appointed, and does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

Amy Coonts; Sarah Finn; Nicole L. McCollam; Michael Lischer, Jr.; Brandi J. Tetley; Jennifer L. Clampert; Danielle Waring; David Dondlinger; Lindsey Minutillo; Ashlea McCaughey

each, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver: Any and all bonds and undertakings of surety and other documents that the ordinary course of surety business may require, and to bind United States Fire Insurance Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds or undertakings had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of United States Fire Insurance Company at its principal office, in amounts or penalties: **One Hundred Twenty Five Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$125,800,000)**

This Power of Attorney limits the act of those named therein to the bonds and undertakings specifically named therein, and they have no authority to bind United States Fire Insurance Company except in the manner and to the extent therein stated.

This Power of Attorney revokes all previous Powers of Attorney issued on behalf of the Attorneys-In-Fact named above.

This Power of Attorney is granted pursuant to Article IV of the By-Laws of United States Fire Insurance Company as now in full force and effect, and consistent with Article III thereof, which Articles provide, in pertinent part:

Article IV, Execution of Instruments - Except as the Board of Directors may authorize by resolution, the Chairman of the Board, President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice President, the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary shall have power on behalf of the Corporation:

(a) to execute, affix the corporate seal manually or by facsimile to, acknowledge, verify and deliver any contracts, obligations, instruments and documents whatsoever in connection with its business including, without limiting the foregoing, any bonds, guarantees, undertakings, recognizances, powers of attorney or revocations of any powers of attorney, stipulations, policies of insurance, deeds, leases, mortgages, releases, satisfactions and agency agreements;

(b) to appoint, in writing, one or more persons for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the preceding paragraph (a), including affixing the seal of the Corporation.

Article III, Officers, Section 3.11, Facsimile Signatures. The signature of any officer authorized by the Corporation to sign any bonds, guarantees, undertakings, recognizances, stipulations, powers of attorney or revocations of any powers of attorney and policies of insurance issued by the Corporation may be printed, facsimile, lithographed or otherwise produced. In addition, if and as authorized by the Board of Directors, dividend warrants or checks, or other numerous instruments similar to one another in form, may be signed by the facsimile signature or signatures, lithographed or otherwise produced, of such officer or officers of the Corporation as from time to time may be authorized to sign such instruments on behalf of the Corporation. The Corporation may continue to use for the purposes herein stated the facsimile signature of any person or persons who shall have been such officer or officers of the Corporation, notwithstanding the fact that he may have ceased to be such at the time when such instruments shall be issued.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, United States Fire Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed and attested by its appropriate officer and its corporate seal hereunto affixed this 28th day of September, 2021.

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Matthew E. Lubin, President

and the

State of New Jersey}
County of Morris }

On this 28th day of September, 2021, before me, a Notary public of the State of New Jersey, came the above named officer of United States Fire Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described herein, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument and affixed the seal of United States Fire Insurance Company thereto by the authority of his office.



Melissa # D'dassio

Melissa H. D'Alessio (Notary Public)

I, the undersigned officer of United States Fire Insurance Company, a Delaware corporation, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in force and effect and has not been revoked.

17th IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of United States Fire Insurance Company on the ^ day of July 2023

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

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Michael C. Fay, Senior Vice President

*For verification of the authenticity of the Power of Attorney, please contact SuretyInquiries@amyntagroup.com

Attachment E. Softheon's EEO Policy Information

Please see Attachment E. Softheon's Employee Handbook with EEO Policy Information as provided on the following pages. Note that this information is proprietary and confidential to Softheon and should not be disclosed. This information has been redacted in our separate redacted version of our response, submitted to facilitate any public information requests received.









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Attachment F. Signed Addendum 1

Please see Attachment F. Softheon's Signed Addendum 1_Bid 710-23-0052 as provided on the following page.

State of Arkansas DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 700 South Main Street P.O. Box 1437 / Slot W345 Little Rock, AR 72203

ADDENDUM 1

TO: All Addressed Vendors FROM: Office of Procurement DATE: June 29, 2023 SUBJECT: 710-23-0052 Asset Verification Services

The following change(s) to the above referenced IFB have been made as designated below:

	Change of specification(s)
	Additional specification(s)
	Change of bid opening date and time
	Cancellation of bid
Х	Other

OTHER

• Change Buyer's direct phone number to the following: Buyer's Direct Phone Number: 501-683-6456

The specifications by virtue of this addendum become a permanent addition to the above referenced IFB. Failure to return this signed addendum may result in rejection of your proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact: Buyer's name, Buyer's email address and phone number.

Vendor Signature

<u>7-24-23</u> Date

Softheon Inc. Company



Attachment G. Signed Addendum 2

Please see Attachment G. Softheon's Signed Addendum 2_Bid 710-23-0052 as provided on the following page.

State of Arkansas DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES 700 South Main Street P.O. Box 1437 / Slot W345 Little Rock, AR 72203

ADDENDUM 2

TO: All Addressed Vendors FROM: Office of Procurement DATE: July 12, 2023 SUBJECT: 710-23-0052 Asset Verification Services

The following change(s) to the above referenced IFB have been made as designated below:

X Change of specification(s) Additional specification(s) Change of bid opening date and time Cancellation of bid Other

CHANGE OF SPECIFICATIONS

 Section 2.18 of the solicitation – remove and replace with the following: The Contractor shall provide technical support to DHS and FI staff. The Contractor must provide support and shall be available during DHS normal business hours Monday through Friday, except State holidays (8:00 am – 4:30 pm central time). Calls received after normal business hours must have the option to leave a voice message. Voice messages must be returned the next business day.

The specifications by virtue of this addendum become a permanent addition to the above referenced IFB. Failure to return this signed addendum may result in rejection of your proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact: Buyer's name, Buyer's email address and phone number.

Vendor Signature

<u>7-24-23</u> Date

Softheon Inc. Company


Attachment H. Completed Disclosure Form

Please see Attachment H. Softheon's Completed Disclosure Form_Bid 710-23-0052 as provided on the following pages.

Contract Number Bid No.710-23-0052

Attachment Number 1

Action Number N/A

CONTRACT AND GRANT DISCLOSURE AND CERTIFICATION FORM

Failure to complete all of the following information may result in a delay in obtaining a contract, lease, purchase agreement, or grant award with any Arkansas State Agency.

SUBCONTRACTOR: SUBCON	TRACTOR N	IAME:							
TAXPAYER ID NAME: Softheo	n Inc.					Goods? 🗌 Services? 🗸	Both?		
YOUR LAST NAME: Miller	your last name: Miller					M.I.:			
ADDRESS: 1500 Stony Broc	ADDRESS: 1500 Stony Brook Road								
сıту: Stony Brook			STATE:	NY	ZIP COI	DE: 11794	COUNTRY: U.S	З.	
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OR GRANT AWARD W	TH AN	Y ARK	ANSAS STATE AGENCY	', THE F	OLLOW	ING INFORMATION MUST BE DISCL	<u>OSED:</u>		
			FOR	IND	IVIJ	DUALS*			
Indicate below if: you, your spou Member, or State Employee:	se or the l	brother, s	sister, parent, or child of you or your	spouse is a	a current oi	former: member of the General Assembly, Constitu	tional Officer, Sta	ate Board or Commissio	
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Constitutional Officer									
State Board or Commission Member									
State Employee									

Contract Number	Bid No.710-23-0052	
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Action Number	N/A	Contract and Grant Disclosure and Certification Form

<u>Failure to make any disclosure required by Governor's Executive Order 98-04, or any violation of any rule, regulation, or policy adopted pursuant to</u> that Order, shall be a material breach of the terms of this contract. Any contractor, whether an individual or entity, who fails to make the required disclosure or who violates any rule, regulation, or policy shall be subject to all legal remedies available to the agency.

As an additional condition of obtaining, extending, amending, or renewing a contract with a *state agency* I agree as follows:

- 1. Prior to entering into any agreement with any subcontractor, prior or subsequent to the contract date, I will require the subcontractor to complete a **CONTRACT AND GRANT DISCLOSURE AND CERTIFICATION FORM**. Subcontractor shall mean any person or entity with whom I enter an agreement whereby I assign or otherwise delegate to the person or entity, for consideration, all, or any part, of the performance required of me under the terms of my contract with the state agency.
- 2. I will include the following language as a part of any agreement with a subcontractor:

Failure to make any disclosure required by Governor's Executive Order 98-04, or any violation of any rule, regulation, or policy adopted pursuant to that Order, shall be a material breach of the terms of this subcontract. The party who fails to make the required disclosure or who violates any rule, regulation, or policy shall be subject to all legal remedies available to the contractor.

3. No later than ten (10) days after entering into any agreement with a subcontractor, whether prior or subsequent to the contract date, I will mail a copy of the **CONTRACT AND GRANT DISCLOSURE AND CERTIFICATION FORM** completed by the subcontractor and a statement containing the dollar amount of the subcontract to the state agency.

I certify under penalty of perjury, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the above information is true and correct and that I agree to the subcontractor disclosure conditions stated herein.							
Signature Rob Miller Digitally signed by Rob Date: 2023.07.24 16:20		Date ⁷⁻²⁴⁻²³					
Vendor Contact Person Rob Miller	Title General Manager & SVP, Govt. Solutions	Phone No. (631) 885-3939					
Agency use only Agency Agency Agency Number_0710 Name_Department of Human Services	Agency Contact Contact Person ^{David King} Phone No. ^{(501) 683-}	Contract 6456 or Grant No. Bid No.710-23-0052					



Attachment I. Completed IT Requirements

Please see Attachment I. Softheon's Completed ARDHS OIT Standard IT Requirements as provided on the following pages.

AR DHS-OIT- Standard IT Requirements Approved by Enterprise Architecture Board.

Document Version 1.3

Change History

Date	Version	Notes
8/1/2019		Initial draft
8/22/2019	1.0	First Version
9/26/2019		updated for ACS requirements
12/16/2019	1.2	Updated version (Minor changes)
		Updated in Jan 2020. Document updated to be used in 2020 after
1/31/2020	1.3	presenting to EAB.

Requirement Number	Requirement Group	Requirement Subgroup	Requirement	Softheon's Comments	Meets Requirements	Describe How Requirements Met
1	Application Hosting	Batch – Job Control and Scheduling	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall develop, document and manage the processes and procedures for Interfaces and Batch Operations Architecture.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon has established processes and procedures for the development, testing, and implementation of interfaces, including via real-time, near real- time, and batch processes. Specific architectural diagrams can be provided as
						needed, upon request.
2	Application Hosting	Batch – Job Control and Scheduling	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall define job scheduling requirements, application software interdependencies, and rerun requirements for all production jobs	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	This requirement is a standard in each of Softheon's implementations wherein all requirements are defined, discussed, and agreed upon within a Requirements Traceability Matrix (RTM) or other approved document. This document will include specific job scheduling requirements, including for specific transaction runs, the generation of reports, and more. All interdependencies and other associated information, including for production lobs, are defined within our technical documentation.
3	Application Hosting	Batch – Job Control and Scheduling	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall utilize and manage scheduling tools for automating job execution (e.g., job workflow processes interdependencies, rerun requirements, file exchange functions, and print management)	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's Verify solution has built-in automation processes in place which leverage algorithms and established business rules, as well as Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence (ML/AI), to execute various jobs throughout the solution.
4	Application Hosting	Batch – Job Control and Scheduling	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall maintain a master job schedule and execute all batch jobs for the DHS Enterprise Program (e.g. any jobs provided by any used neurophica or with the DME Enterprise Deletaron).	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon Verify can support both scheduled batch jobs, run at the pre-defined schedule in place, as well as execute on-demand requests in real-time or near
5	Application Hosting	Batch – Job Control and Scheduling	any vendor working on/with the DHS Enterprise Platform) Any technology vendor, application or solution shall perform job monitoring and manage resolution of any failed jobs.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Ireal-time, depending on the type of job. Softheon performs monitoring 24/7 across our solution, including specific job monitoring. Jobs which failed are sent into a queue for further triage, processing, and re-execution.
6	Application Hosting	Change/Release Management	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall adhere to the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) V3.0 Change and Release Management processes.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon supports this requirement alongside all other federal and state- specific requirements applicable to our industry, including HIPAA, HITECH, NIST, and others.
7	Application Hosting	Change/Release Management	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall identify and submit any changes in compliance with the DHS Enterprise Program Change/Release Management process.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon is well adept at aligning our procedures to state-specific requirements in place and will ensure the same in our work for DHS.
8	Application Hosting	Disaster Recovery	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall maintain a detailed Disaster Recovery plan to meet Disaster Recovery requirements. Plan shall include plans for data, back-ups, storage management, and contingency operations that provides for recovering the DHS Enterprise Platform within established recovery requirement timeframes after a disaster that has affected the users of the DHS Enterprise Platform.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's current policies in place include Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity (DR/BCP) standards to ensure the continual uptime of our solution, including in the event of a disaster. We will review our current technical documentation on our DR/BCP policies and procedures in place with the State to ensure alignment for this particular project and contract.
9	Application Hosting	Disaster Recovery	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall provide support to the DHS support teams with implementing, configuring and testing disaster recovery.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Our implementation costs include all necessary expenses in implementing, configuring, and testing our end-to-end solution, including for DR/BCP. This includes providing support where needed to DHS throughout this process.
10	Application Hosting	Disaster Recovery	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall develop action plans to address any issues arising from Disaster Recovery testing.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	In conducting DR/BCP testing, any issues that arise will be documented followed by a remediation plan in place (as appropriate) to ensure any issues or risks identified are mitigated before the launch of our solution.
11	Application Hosting	Infrastructure Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution using cloud technology shall be located within the continental US. All servers and data will be located in US Soil.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	As a company, Softheon provides 100% U.Sbased support only. This includes all technology and services - from our hosted technology and infrastructure to Help Desk support.
12	Application Hosting	Infrastructure Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall proactively monitor all infrastructure including but not limited to network, storage, virtual environments, servers, databases, firewalls, etc. following industry best practices.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon monitors all aspects of our hosted infrastructure 24/7, promptly addressing and responding to any issues encountered. All issues are logged an fully tracked through resolution.
13	Application Hosting	Infrastructure Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall implement physical and logical security within new functionality defined in the security plan consistent with DHS' security policies and industry standards.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon has established security policies and procedures in alignment with our industry which will be reviewed during our implementation to ensure alignment as well as adherence to any DHS-specific policies in place.
14	Application Hosting	Infrastructure Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall review all available infrastructure security patches relevant to the environment and classify the need and speed in which the security patches should be installed as defined by DHS security nolicies.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's patch procedures will be reviewed with DHS to ensure alignment. For any bug fixes, patches, or other updates released, we will ensure open communication and transparency with DHS, proactively notifying DHS as subsequent releases are scheduled and rolled out to production.
15	Application Hosting	Network, Hosting and Data Center Services	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall provision new environments and capacity as required to ensure performance requirements are met as volume increases and additional functionality is implemented.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon has automated load balancing in place to safeguard the continual operation of our solution. New environments will be provisioned as needed to meet all Service Level Agreements (SLAs) under contract.
16	Application Hosting	Operating System, Application and Database Backup and Recovery	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall encrypt all data at rest including backups using DHS and regulatory bodies (CMS, FNS, etc.) standards regardless of storage media.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	All data is encrypted in transit and at rest using AES 256. This includes the full encryption of all backups and media as well.
17	Application Hosting	Storage Management Services	Any technology vendor, application or solution will provide data backup and restoration services in accordance with industry best practices.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon ensures the ongoing 24/7 availability of our cloud-hosted solution with DR/BCP procedures in place to restore services in the event of a disaster.
18	Application Hosting	Storage Management Services	Any technology vendor, application or solution will recommend techniques and procedures to ensure disk storage resources are utilized in an efficient and cost- effective manner.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	All storage is maintained in alignment with NIST standards as well as specific federal and state regulations, as applicable for our industry.
19	Application Hosting	Storage Management Services	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall regularly test recovery procedures and practices to demonstrate recoverability and verify that actual practices are in concert with procedures and report results, as well as meet business requirements	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon performs extensive testing throughout the implementation process to confirm and reafirm the working operation of our end-to-end solution. We would be happy to share specific test results as well during the implementation, as desired by DHS.
20	Application Hosting	Storage Management Services	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall monitor and demonstrate compliance with Arkansas Records Retention Schedule.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	minimentation, as dealed of years of the second sec

21	Application	System Monitoring	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall manage and maintain	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon supports these requirements and can demonstrate compliance
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22	Application Hosting	System Monitoring	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall monitor infrastructure for availability as well as transaction and response time performance.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Our hosted infrastructure as well as all transactions sent/received and the associated response time are all monitored and supported as part of our overall solution today.
23	Application Hosting	System Monitoring	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall provide regular monitoring reports of infrastructure performance, utilization and efficiency (e.g., proactive system monitoring)	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Standard monthly and/or quarterly reports will be delivered to demonstrate our adherence to all SLAs under contract.
24	Application M&O Services	Disaster Recovery	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall identify and make available appropriate resources to support DHS' disaster recovery planning, testing and execution.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon will provide sufficient staff resources throughout the implementation and the term of the contract to meet DHS' needs.
25	Application M&O Services	Security Administration	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall provide documented procedures for security monitoring and log management functions, and use write-once technology or other secure approaches for storing audit trails and security logs.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon has established security and privacy policies in place, which include specific monitoring and logging protocols. All information and associated user- specific activities across the solution are fully logged and tracked, and can be reported upon as needed.
	Data Governance	Master Data Management	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall provide data dictionary, data models, data flow models, process models and other related planning and design documents to DHS.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon will provide associated technical documentation, including required artifacts, diagrams, and specific plan deliverables to DHS as set forth under contract.
	General System Behavior	Audit_&_Compliance	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall maintain a record (e.g. audit trail) of all additions, changes and deletions made to data in the applicable system or solution. In addition, a log of query or view access to certain type of records and/or screens will be maintained for investigative purposes. This should be readily searchable by user ID or client ID. This must include, but is not limited to: a. The user ID of the person who made the change b. The date and time of the change c. The physical, software/hardware and network location (IP address) of the person while making the change d. The information that was changed e. The outcome of the event f. The data before and after it was changed, and which screens were accessed and used	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's logging and auditing capabilities support the capture of these data elements, which can be pulled for further review as needed. We are well adept at maintaining records and complete audit trails across all activity in our Verify solution in alignment with CMS, HIPAA, HITECH, and other federal, state, and industry-specific regulatory requirements.
	General System Behavior	Audit_&_Compliance	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall prevent modifications to the audit records.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Audit records are protected and provided in a view-only capacity.
29	General System Behavior	Audit_&_Compliance	Any technology vendor, application or solution must have the ability to capture electronic signatures on all documents, forms, letters, and correspondences.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Electronic signatures can be supported in our solution with an on-screen attestation captured in alignment with DHS' requirements.
30	General System Behavior	Audit_&_Compliance	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall be able to detect security- relevant events (as defined in NIST 800-53 moderate baseline, rev 4) that it mediates and generate audit records for them. At a minimum the events will include, but not be limited to: a. Start/stop b. User login/logout c. Session timeout d. Account lockout e. Client record created/viewed/updated/deleted f. Scheduling g. Query h. Order i. Node-authentication failure j. Signature created/validated k. Personally identifiable information (PII) export I. PII import m. Security administration events n. Backup and restore	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon aligns with NIST protocols, including NIST 800-53, to fully log, track, and report upon specific activities as they occur throughout the system.
	General System Behavior	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution interfaces will secure and protect (encrypt) the data and the associated infrastructure from a confidentiality, integrity and availability perspective.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Data confidentiality, integrity, and ongoing availability are protected and secured throughout our solution in alignment with NIST and other regulations applicable to our industry.

32	General System Robavior	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall develop/integrate services using standardized Web Services formats.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon supports data transmission through Web Services, including support for both standard and custom formats.
33	Behavior General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall provide the ability to publish	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon has established technical integration documentation which is
	System Behavior		services and related data to be used by different types and classes of service consumers.	meet this set requirement.		delivered and reviewed in every one of our client engagements. Through established interfaces, we are able to support data exchange via custom formats/requirements as discussed and via standard interfaces, including through multiple B2B and B2C HTTPS web portals and APIs over TCP 443, sir B2B HTTPS web portal over TCP 3000, and through Softheon's hosted SFTP s for data transmission purposes over TCP 22.2
34	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall provide the capabilities for a	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon's Verify solution supports responses in real-time, near real-time, a
	System Behavior		Real-Time (or near real-time) Integrated Enterprise where common data elements about the customers served (e.g., clients) and services rendered are easily shared	meet this set requirement.		in batch, depending on the request and type of information sought. Throughout the solution, controls are in place to ensure we remain adheren
			across organizational units with appropriate adherence to State and Federal security and privacy restrictions.			to all federal, state, and industry-specific regulations applicable to our indus and solution proposed.
35	General System	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall have the capability to implement synchronous and asynchronous program-to-program communication, moving	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's Verify solution is built on a Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) using microservices with the ability to communicate synchronously and
	Behavior		messages between service oriented architecture (SOA) service consumer modules and service provider modules at runtime.			asynchronously (as applicable) across various programs and systems with which we integrate/interface with.
36	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall have message and data formats	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	This is supported in our Verify solution wherein we support a wide range of
	System Behavior		that will be based on logical representations of business objects rather than native application data structures.	meet this set requirement.		custom and standard formats to exchange data and to present information logical fashion through our secured Verify Portal.
37	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall avoid point-to-point	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	As required and discussed with DHS, Softheon can ensure all integrations/
	System Behavior		integrations. Application integration, both internal and external, will go through the DHS Enterprise Service Bus/Data Integration Hub.	meet this set requirement.		interfaces with DHS systems route through your standard Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) or other designated transmission platform/hub.
38	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution WSDLs developed for Arkansas will	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon's technology aligns to the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
	System Behavior		conform to the W3C standards for restful API development.	meet this set requirement.		standards. During the implementation, all RESTful APIs to be utilized (as applicable) will be tested against these standards to demonstrate alignment
39	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution design will allow for the solution to	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon will hold responsibility throughout the contract for the proper,
	System Behavior		continue to operate despite failure or unavailability of one or more individual technology solution components.	meet this set requirement.		working operation of our hosted solution, inclusive of all technology components.
40	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall have the ability to use standards	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon can support these protocols and more. As the Prime Contractor, v
	System Behavior		based communication protocols, such as TCP/IP, HTTP, HTTP/S and SMTP. Protocol bridging: The ability to convert between the protocol native to the messaging	meet this set requirement.		hold nine state contracts alongside our work for CMS, with seven of those contracts having been centered on performing the same type of verification
	Bellaviol		platform and other protocols, such as Remote Method Invocation (RMI), IIOP and INET remoting.			as set forth in DHS' Invitation for Bid (ITB), with both standard and custom- based communication protocols.
41	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution will have the capability to work with	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Our current Web Services protocols and standards in place will be reviewed
	System Behavior		security policy manager for Web services that allows for centrally defined security policies that govern Web services operations (such as access policy, logging policy, and load balancing).	meet this set requirement.		with DHS during the implementation to ensure alignment, working with yo security staff as needed and establishing written policies specific to this contract and solution delivered, as applicable and desired by DHS.
42	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall have the capability to integrate	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	As applicable to our solution proposed, Softheon can integrate with any
	System Behavior		with Master Data Management (MDM) technology for Enterprise Master Client Index (EMCI) implemented as part of the "State Hub" in a centralized or registry style	meet this set requirement.		specific technology required, including the State's MDM. We look forward t reviewing all integration/interface requirements as part of the implementa
43	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	implementation. Any technology vendor, application or solution shall be responsive and will	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	process. Softheon's Verify solution is mobile-friendly, with the user interface (UI)
	System Behavior		automatically be sized for an optimum view to the display dimensions of PC, Tablet o Mobile phone.	meet this set requirement.		automatically adjusting based on the device being used.
44	General	Interoperability-Interfaces	Any technology vendor, application or solution components will be committed to an	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon aligns to these standards today, with our Verify solution having be
	System Behavior		advanced approach to interoperability using web services and Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) aligned with DHS tentprise Architecture Standards and industry	meet this set requirement.		built on a SOA alongside support for Web Services.
45	General	Perf. and Avail.	standards and vision for interoperability. Any technology vendor, application or solution must be architected to support	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Support for proper DR/BCP protocols is in place, enabling our solution to
	System Behavior		replication of the virtual machines to a secondary site.	meet this set requirement.		activate on the secondary hosting site in the event our main site experience disaster.
46	General	Perf. and Avail.	Any technology vendor, application or solution must be designed so all releases can be performed between 7pm and 6am except critical releases	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	This is a standard for our technology, with updates performed off hours, as discussed and scheduled, to minimize any potential for user disruption.
	System Behavior			meet this set requirement.		
47	General System	Perf. and Avail.	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall leverage virtualization to expedite disaster recovery. Virtualization enables system owners to quickly	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	As a SaaS solution hosted within the Softheon Cloud environment, we have virtualization in place alongside the ability to dynamically scale up/down in
48	Behavior General	Perf. and Avail.	reconfigure system platforms without having to acquire additional hardware. Any technology vendor, application or solution will provide the ability to perform	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	automated fashion to ensure the continual availability of our solution. Softheon can support this requirement, with backups continually maintained
40	System Behavior		archival/incremental backups and the ability to perform open/closed database backups.	meet this set requirement.	103	and accessible in the event of any disaster and to ensure ongoing adherence SIAs under contract.
49	General	Perf. and Avail.	Any technology vendor, application or solution will provide at least one (1)	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon's costs cover the implementation of our solution, inclusive of all
	System Behavior		production and one (1) non-production environment. Highly available solutions that mitigate single points of failure are recommended and encouraged.	meet this set requirement.		environments required, with associated testing, training, and rollout performed prior to release to the production environment. Softheon Clouc highly secured cloud-based environment with geographically disparate dat centers located in New York and Wyoming to facilitate the prompt recover
						data in the event of any disaster. As the prime contractor for our Asset Verification work today, we fully host and manage all Softheon Cloud activi inclusive of all technology, the Verify Portal, and the overall solution, as we all access points. Our solution is continually monitored 24/7 to ensure ongo
						 all access points. Our solution is continually monitored 24/7 to ensure ong uptime and availability along with tracking against established SLAs, ensuri proper ongoing maintenance and operations.

50	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall allow for different roles for User: including Operators, Administrators, Managers etc.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's Verify solution is a role-based platform with highly configurable roles which determine the information displayed on the screen as well as specific actions users can perform in the system.
51	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	 Any technology vendor, application or solution shall, at a minimum, provide a mechanism to comply with security requirements and safeguard requirements of the following Federal agencies / entities: a. Health & Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) b. Guidance from CMS including MITA Framework 3.0 and Harmonized Security and Privacy Framework c. Administration for Children & Families (ACF) d. Dept. of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services e. NIST 800-53 r4, MARS-E and DOB S500.2 f. IRS pub 1075, which points back to NIST 800-53 rev 3 g. Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002 h. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 i. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) of 2009 j. Privacy Act of 1974 k. e-Government Act of 2002 l. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Section 1561 Recommendations m. Section 171(a)(8) of the Social Security Act 	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheor's Verify solution will maintain continual compliance with these specific federal regulations and requirements. Our solution includes full and complete system support with regard to all security and privacy requirements applicable to our industry. This includes systems security and regulatory adherence enabled by strict security controls, programs, and processes, which align with all applicable state and federal laws governing information security, including HPAA, ACA, MARS-F, HITECH, CMS, NIST, and other federal and stat controls guarding the security and protection of PHI/PII data. For example, in alignment with HIPAA, all data is encrypted at rest and while in transit and is further protected with extensive data security and privacy controls. To ensure the ongoing security and availability of the Softheon Cloud host environment, we conduct continual, 24/7 monitoring along with ongoing periodic third-part assessments under various frameworks, including SOC I and II audits. Softheor's Security Development Lifecycle (SDL) further outlines the end-to- end process for ensuring that all of our solutions are built to align with privacy and security best practices that protect critical and sensitive data.
52	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall adhere to the accessibility standard as outlined in the web guidelines and based on the W3C level 2 accessibility guidelines: (http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG10/full-checklist.html)		Yes	Softheon adheres to these accessibility standards and, during the implementation, we will perform specific accessibility testing using automated tools to demonstrate and confirm adherence.
53	General System Behavior	Regulatory & Usability	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall adhere to the AR State accessibility standards and comply with the provisions of Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-26-201 et seq., a amended by Act 308 of 2013.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	These specific standards applicable to Arkansas have been reviewed by our Solutions Consultant staff and we can confirm our ability to support these requirements.
54	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution comply with the DHS branding standards as defined by DHS.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's Verify portal is a white-labeled solution which can be branded in alignment with specific DHS requirements. We will review these branding standards and any special requirements as part of our implementation.
55	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall adhere to the principle of "Fail Safe" to ensure that a system in a failed state does not reveal any sensitive information or leave any access controls open for attacks	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's Verify solution supports this requirement today in alignment with associated federal, state, and industry-specific regulations.
56	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall maintain a level of security that is commensurate with the risk and magnitude of the harm that could result from the loss, misuse, disclosure, or modification of information		Yes	We maintain strict security and privacy standards to safeguard all information, including while in transit and at rest. We will review our protocols during the implementation to confirm alignment to your specific needs to safeguard the protection of all data.
57	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall follow the DHS Enterprise Architecture Standards regarding identity, authorization and access management. The current standards state that applications/solutions will integrate with Microsoft's Active Directory for internal/DHS users and will integrate with the IBM Cloud Identity platform for external users. Modern authentication protocols such as SAML or OIDC should be used and multi-factor authentication will be employed whenever deemed necessary by DHS or applicable regulatory bodies (CMS, FNS, IRS, etc.).		Yes	Softheon has integrated with these systems and many others through our numerous implementations performed to date. As a standard in each of our engagements, we will review all integration, interface, and authentication needs and requirements with DHS to confirm alignment on our approach. Further, as a long-term partner to CMS and to states' alike, we are well adept at adhering to specific regulatory requirements and have a dedicated Policy Analyst Team to remain proactive and compliant as industry regulations and guidance continues to evolve.
58	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall support protection of confidentiality of all Protected Health Information (PHI) and Personally Identifiable Information (PII) delivered over the Internet or other known open networks via supported encryption technologies needed to meet CMS and NIST requirements for encryption of PHI and PII data. Examples include: Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) and an open protocol such a: Transport Layer Security (TLS), Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), Internet Protocol Security (IPsec), XML encryptions, or Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (S/MIME) or their successors. All vendors, applications and solutions will be subject to external	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	All data in transit and at rest is encrypted using 256-bit encryption standards. In addition, passwords, tokens, keys, and all other sensitive data are always encrypted and never appear in clear text. Through our 23-year history serving government clients as well as other healthcare-specific clients, Softheon understands and upholds compliance with CMS, NIST, HIPAA, HITECH, and other applicable regulations for our industry.
59	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall, when storing PHI/PII, support the use of encryption technologies needed to meet CMS and NIST requirements for the encryption of PHI/PII data at rest.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Data is fully encrypted both in transit and at rest in alignment with CMS, NIST, and other regulatory requirements.
60	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution, prior to accessing any PHI, display a State-approved configurable warning or login banner (e.g. "The System should only be accessed by authorized users"). In the event that a application or solution does not support pre-login capabilities, the application or solution will display the banner immediately following authorization.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	All data is protected behind a secured online portal which requires a registerec user to authenticate and login to their account in order to view information available in alignment with their assigned role and permission level. Configurable banners, alerts, and messages are supported throughout the portal and will be tested as part of our implementation.

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61	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall not transmit or store any Personal Health Information (PHI) or Personally Identifiable Information (PII) using publically available storage over the Internet or any wireless communication device, unless:	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	This requirement is supported in our solution today, with no PHI/PII information publicly available in any form or capacity.
			 the PHI or PII is "de-identified" in accordance with 45 C.F.R § 164.514(b) (2); or 2) encrypted in accordance with applicable law, including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and as required by policies, procedures and standards established bu NES. 			
62	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution will include the same security provisions for the development, System test, Acceptance test and training environment as those used in the production environment except those provisions implemented specifically to protect confidential information (e.g. PHI, PII).	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Our security protocols are in place across all of our hosted environments, including the testing, training and production environments.
63	general System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall be able to associate permissions with a user using one or more of the following access controls: a. Role-Based Access Controls (RBAC; users are grouped by role and access rights assigned to these groups) b. Context-based (role-based with additional access rights assigned or restricted based on the context of the transaction such as time-of-day, workstation-location, emergency-mode etc.)	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's Verify solution is a role-based platform with highly configurable roles which determine the information displayed on the screen as well as specific actions users can perform in the system. Automated timers are also in place to automatically log out users after the set idle time has been exhausted. These protocols as well as other settings, such as password complexity requirements, are configurable in our solution.
64	General System Behavior	Regulatory_&_Security	Any technology vendor, application or solution will comply with accessibility requirements described in 45 CFR 85 and with State of Arkansas accessibility requirements	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon is well adept at adhering to specific accessibility requirements, including as defined by federal and state regulations. We will perform testing during the implementation to demonstrate adherence.
65	General System Behavior	Solution Administration	Any technology vendor, application or solution will allow System administrators to create and manage user roles.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	DHS can designate one or more 'Super Users' to serve as administrators over the solution. This enables roles and associated permission levels to be configured by authorized users.
66	General System Behavior	Solution Administration	Any technology vendor, application or solution communications will be protected by at least 256-bit encryption.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon supports this level of encryption throughout our solution today and will continue to remain in compliance with the 256-bit encryption standard throughout the contract.
67	General System Behavior	Solution Administration	Any technology vendor, application or solution will be supported by public key/private key encryption Secure Socket Layer (SSL) certificates.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's adheres to this requirement today with our support enabled behinc a Barracuda Web Application Firewall (WAF) which performs load balancing and client-specific SSL encryption. Further, our VPN uses SSL TLS 1.2 and greater.
68	General System Behavior	Regulatory & Usability	Any application or solution will use colors to enhance user experience and System usability while complying with all disability requirements notated elsewhere in these requirements.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's solution is on track to be compliant with accessibility requirements and specific technology requirements to ensure ADA Section 508 compliance. Our user interface was designed to utilize both color as well as additional white space in order to navigate the user seamlessly throughout the solution.
69	General System Behavior	User Interrace	Any technology vendor, application or solution must perform address validation for demographic information (e.g., USPS, Smarty Streets, AR GIS, etc.). Suggest the validated new address and prompt user to select either user entered address or validated address and then save accordingly.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon utilizes address validation within our applicable solutions, and supports USPS address standardization.
70	General System Behavior	User Interface	Any technology vendor, application or solution must perform standard data validations such as character, numeric, date, currency, phone, SSN etc.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's technology performs associated data validations to confirm data is continually sent/received appropriately between systems. This includes built-in data verification and reconciliation processes.
71	General System Behavior	User Interlace	Any technology vendor, application or solution must have the ability to auto-save, prompt to save when leaving pages in all modules.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's Verify solution typically supports on-demand and batch job requests for asset verifications with no need to auto-save within the solution. This feature can be supported, however, during the implementation to align with DHS' requirements.
72	General System Behavior	User Interlace	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall have the ability to create prompts for user actions. (e.g., incomplete data entry of required fields, deletion of data, system log-off warnings).	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Throughout the solution, built-in business rules and established settings prompt the user to complete various self-service actions as appropriate. During the implementation, we will review all of these instances in place to ensure alignment with our current settings and to identify any DHS-specific configurations needed/desired.
73	General System Behavior	User Interlace	Any technology vendor, application or solution shall have the capability to send notifications. Examples include sending emails, text messages (SMS), etc.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon supports an omnichannel approach to communication with built-in functionality to support enail creation and distribution, text/SMS messages, chat, in-screen messages, alerts, and banners, and even hardcopy mailings, as needed and desired by DMS.
74	General System Behavior	Web based UI	Any technology vendor, application or solution providing data over a web browser interface (http, ftp, etc.) will include the capability to encrypt the data communicated over the network via SSL (e.g., HTML over HTPS).	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	This is supported by Softheon today will full encryption performed alongside our security and privacy protocols in place.
75	General System Behavior	Web based UI	The system will support and maintain compatibility with the current to (N-2) version of the DHS Support Operating Systems. The supported Operating Systems are Microsoft Windows, MAC OS, Apple IOS and Google Android.	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Softheon's Verify solution was designed to be operating system and web browser-agnostic, able to be supported across various operating systems and modern browsers from different types of devices as well (e.g., tablet, computer, phone, etc.).
76	General System Behavior	Web based UI	The system will support and maintain compatibility with the current to (N-2) version of the DHS approved Browsers. The supported Browsers are Chrome, Edge, and Safari. This is to ensure that vendors test and certify their software/application for current to (N-2) versions of these Browsers	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can meet this set requirement.	Yes	Contouries solution is accessible via any modern web browser (including Chrome, Edge, and Safari as required) with an established internet connection. A full listing of all current and previous browser versions supported can be provided as needed, upon request.

77	Technology	Data Integ,Quality, ETL	Any technology vendor, application or solution Extract Transform and Load (ETL)	Confirmed. Softheon confirms we can	Yes	Softheon can fully support these requirements and will provide our associated
	Platform		components will provide process flow and user interface capabilities to enable	meet this set requirement.		ETL procedures and documentation during the implementation to ensure
	Requirements		business users to perform data-quality-related tasks and fulfill stewardship functions,			alignment with DHS. This includes working with your team to identify any
			including:			legacy data (as applicable) which may need to be converted. The Softheon
			a. Packaged processes, including steps used to perform common quality tasks			Verify solution is already appropriately connected to backend data sources
			(providing values for incomplete data, resolving conflicts of duplicate records,			necessary and, therefore, associated legacy data conversion may not be
			specifying custom rules for merging records, profiling, auditing, for example)			needed. We will work with your team to define any data conversion required
			b. User interface in which quality processes and issues are exposed to business users,			as applicable to the scope of work, including reviewing our established data
			stewards and others			cleanup and conversion procedures as part of our company's established ETL
			c. Functionality to manage the data quality issue resolution process through the			processes in place. As necessary, we will ensure proper 1-to-1 mapping is
			stewardship workflow (status tracking, escalation and monitoring of the issue			performed of all dataflows along with subsequent testing following data
			resolution process)			transformation and migration to ensure any transferred data appropriately
			d. Ability to customize the user interface and workflow of the resolution process			resides and is accessible through the solution.
			e. Ability to execute data quality resolution steps in the context of a process			
			orchestrated by Business Process Management (BPM) tools (packaged integration or			
	1		other ability to work with popular BPM suites, for example)			

Requirement Number	Category	Comment for consideration	Softheon's Comments
1	Application/Solution Hosting	DHS is interested in seeing the following hosting options for any new procurements:	
		 1) On-Premise 2) Private Cloud 3) Hybrid Cloud 4) Public Cloud 5) SaaS, PaaS or other emerging options 	Confirmed. Softheon's Verify technology proposed is a fully hosted SaaS solution residing in our secured Softheon Cloud environment.
2	Application/Solution Hosting	 When proposing cloud, private cloud, or hybrid cloud solutions, respondents should make sure to clearly identify provisions, terms, conditions and details around the following areas: 1) Cost 2) Performance 3) Data Management 4) Governance 5) Service Levels 6) Location of Data 7) Vendor obligations in the event of a data breach 8) Provisions for data export and exit strategy 9) Provisions for data destruction by vendor after contract termination 10) Data Security 11) Regulatory compliance 12) Change processes and procedures 	Confirmed. Softheon has reviewed all associated terms and conditions included within the RFP, including those elements listed herein, and will ensure continual support throughout the term of the agreement. Aside from the single clarification item noted in our Bid Response Packet, Softheon is amenable to supporting the scope of work as set forth in the procurement.
3	Data	DHS would prefer for all data to be encrypted using the latest/supported technology protocols whether at rest/stored, in flight/transit, or communicated and/or accessed in any way.	Confirmed. Softheon ensures the full encryption of data utilizing AES 256 for all data in transit and at rest. Data is provided on a need to know basis only in alignment with the user's individual role/job function and associated permission levels in place.

Thank you for taking the time to review our response.

Should you need any additional information, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

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