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The Ohio Auditor of State's office currently receives financial reports from over 5,500 reporting Ohio Governmental Entities. The reports are received in paper and electronic formats, e.g. Word and Excel. The Auditor of State's office is exploring methods to receive these reports electronically and to compile this financial information in a more usable, user-friendly format for its public website. This is called the XBRL Implementation Project.

The office plans to explore ways to assemble this information in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) format. For that reason we would like to request for information (RFI) a suitable solution to convert all the Ohio Governmental Entities electronically submitted financial reports into XBRL format and make it available on our website. The intention is to make the information searchable and comparable to increase its usefulness to the public.

Additionally, historical data for the Entities may also be required to be converted in XBRL format. The XBRL solution provided should be a recommended taxonomy or propose how they will develop a suitable state and local taxonomy for the XBRL Implementation Project.

The AOS would like to obtain some basic information prior to issuing a formal RFP, therefore, you are requested to provide all pertinent information regarding XBRL Implementation Project along with estimated costs and relevant estimated completion dates before November 20, 2008. The information provided will cover the following minimum requirements:

- Recommended taxonomy framework for the XBRL solution, including an assessment of why existing government or private taxonomies are or are not appropriate for use in the Project.
- Estimated total cost of ownership (i.e. licensing, implementation, project management, training, 5-Maintenance cost, etc.)
- Scope of the functionality of the proposed software in terms of data capture, management, analytics and display.
- Necessary format(s) of the financial statements electronic submissions before the conversion into XBRL (i.e. XML, Excel, Word, PDF, etc.)
- Estimated time required for full implementation
- Required infrastructure (size and type of servers, database etc.)
- Required end to end training (i.e. dispatcher and receiver)

Please submit your responses by November 20, 2008 addressed to the following:

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