



Meeting Minutes

Cloud Computing Acquisition Forum (CCAF)*

***These meeting minutes are Cloud ConFIG excerpts taken from the monthly CCAF**

Meeting Logistics

Date: Wednesday April 27, 2016

Time: 11:00AM – 12:00PM

Agenda

1. Cloud ConFIG Acquisition Vehicle

Actions/Outcomes

#	Action Description	Action Owner	Target Completion Date	Status
1	Provide input for inquiry #2 on the Cloud ConFIG Interact site (link) regarding service offerings	Industry Partners	5/25/2016	In progress

Discussion Highlights

- Participants should register and become members of the Cloud ConFIG Interact community. This offers a way to provide input on the contract and stay up-to-date on developments. The site can be found at: <https://interact.gsa.gov/group/cloud-config-idiq>

Meeting Notes

Cloud ConFIG Acquisition Vehicle:

- The Cloud ConFIG internal business case continues to progress through the review process. The most recent approval will allow the Cloud ConFIG team to add three federal personnel.
- The Cloud ConFIG Interact page is seeing activity and is soliciting feedback from the vendor community (<https://interact.gsa.gov/group/cloud-config-idiq>).



- The Draft RFP, release scheduled for FY16, will incorporate comments and feedback received through Interact.
- The Cloud ConFIG team is meetings for individual discussions with vendors and is working with ACT-IAC to create a committee.
- The Cloud ConFIG Project Manager provided the following response to the question, “Why are you doing a draft RFP first?”
 - We are looking for feedback and conducting market research. We want to make sure that we are including all comments and collaboration into creating the best possible contract. We will provide insights into what we are doing through Interact. Interact is good for both constructive criticism and positive feedback. If it works, tell us it works.
- The Cloud ConFIG team expects to receive the most comments on Interact when the evaluation criteria are posted. The team is working with Richard Blake (from the Alliant 2 team) who is leading the development of the evaluation criteria.
- Cloud ConFIG is looking to be the follow-on for the EaaS and IaaS BPAs to make sure there is some continuity of offerings to serve the government.
- Vendors are encouraged to suggest topics on Interact if there’s something they would like to discuss more deeply or on which they would like more information.
- The Cloud ConFIG team is conducting research about the types of services and competition that is being offered in cloud services. They are requesting assistance from the vendor community to ensure that it is a comprehensive cloud offering. A discussion among meeting participants about this topic included the following remarks:
 - There are so many “as a Service” offerings and many fall under SaaS rather than having an infinite number of services.
 - The contract should balance an on-ramping process for new technology over the life of the 5 year contract.
 - Categorization of SaaS is very broad and is recommended to not get too focused on that. FedRamp compliance of a SaaS solution is probably a designation that people would care about. Do vendors need to do it on their own or can they follow on with previous approved platform?
 - The definition of private versus public cloud could be an interesting Interact topic.
 - SaaS discussions will to impact scoring. More granularity in the evaluation will make it difficult score points. Also the contract is more broad than SaaS, there are professional services and cloud enabling technologies that need to be considered in the development of the evaluation criteria.
 - Trying to make it easy to understand for both program office personnel and Contracting Officers. Easy to read and use.
 - Recommended providing a survey to categorize the services as an offering.
 - Need a process and public comment to show transparency
 - The government will determine requirements of the contract and those services will be requested.



- The Cloud SIN is not an interim vehicle. Both the Cloud ConFIG and Cloud SIN will be viable and will be solutions moving forward.
- The Cloud ConFIG team is creating an OMB working group to gain insights from other federal agencies. They are reaching out to more agencies and would like to hold the first meeting in July.
- Comments to Interact posts that are submitted directly to the Cloud ConFIG email address only go to the Cloud ConFIG team. They do not give the benefit of comments or concerns that are posted on Interact for public viewing. The Cloud ConFIG team asks that vendors comment on the Interact post to develop more of a conversational collaboration.

Actions and Outcomes Review:

- The goal of the CCAF is to get feedback from the group, not just get a status update from GSA. The group appreciates the level of participation in the meeting.