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1	Schedule A, Background	17	The Census Bureau is now telling states that the PL data won't come out until late August, 2021. If that's the case, then how will your overall timeline for work change?	Currently, we do not anticipate any changes to our timeline, as stated in the Michigan Constitution. As a substitution in the short-term, the Commission may elect to utilize past census data as an initial proxy for the purposes of initial discussion and map drawing until the data becomes available.
2	Schedule A, Background	17	Will the ICRC attempt to change the Sept 17 and Nov 1 completion dates in the RFP	These dates are established by the Michigan Constitution, and we do not anticipate changes.
3	Schedule A, Scope	18	Will there be a COVID-19 exception for attending some of the public hearings for the consultant?	The Commission will follow the guidelines set by our state. If in-person public hearings can be held, we would expect the consultant to attend, unless the contractor can demonstrate effective participation virtually.
4	Schedule A, Scope	18	Given that the project may extend into 2022, will the state accept an hourly rate pricing configuration?	Yes.
5	1.1 Key Deliverable One	18	Will ICRC staff be running the redistricting software or will it only be the contractor?	We expect the contractor to be the primary party running the software. Please include in your proposal what other costs or additional considerations would need to be accommodated if a commissioner or commission staff were to request software and data access for individual use.
6	1.1 Key Deliverable One	18	Is it expected that ICRC Commission and/or the public will be running the redistricting software?	We expect the contractor to be running and utilizing the software at the direction of the Commission. However, if the contractor has options for the ICRC and the public to interact with proposed maps or data, please detail that functionality in your proposal.
7	1.1 Key Deliverable One	18	How many workstations, and therefore software licenses, are needed in the ICRC offices?	ICRC staff will only need to be able to share the maps provided by the contractor. Please include in your proposal response any details on the software licenses for the contractor to perform the statement of work and scope as listed in the RFP.
8	1.1 Key Deliverable One	18	What type of workstations will be available for different types of individuals?	No workstations are planned at this time. The contractor is expected to provide his/her own hardware and software. If the contractor has specific requirements or preferences for the space available to them at public



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				meetings, please outline those details in your proposal response.
9	1.1 Key Deliverable One	18	What "other mapping software" will be used by the ICRC staff?	There may be other mapping software utilized to gather public comment, however specific details are not known at this time. The Commission expects that the contractor will be able to integrate other data, especially GIS data and geoSON files, into the mapping software for use in drawing district plans.
10	1.1 Key Deliverable One	18	Will the redistricting software require web-based interaction for drawing?	That would be ideal, however not required. The primary role of the consultant will be to draw redistricting plans at the direction of the Commission, so any additional functionality should be described in detail in the proposal response
11	A,1.(c)	19	Does the state have access to a state-wide address point file like an E911 dataset to facilitate geocoding of voter registration data?	Yes.
12	A,1.(c)	19	If the Census PL file is as late as now expected, will the state consider alternative census estimates to begin the drawing process and then to be replaced when PL file becomes available?	Yes. As a substitution in the short term, the Commission may elect to utilize past census data as an initial proxy for the purposes of initial discussion and map drawing until the 2020 census data becomes available.
13	A,1.(c)	19	If the CSS files for County, city, township, precinct and village boundaries do not overlay the Census geography, who is responsible for rectifying the differences?	The Commission would rely on the contractor to rectify the differences.
14	A,1.(c)	19	It looks like CSS only has precinct boundaries back to the 2014 elections. Can we assume that no further back in time precinct returns will need to be considered or added to the database?	This information is maintained by the Michigan Bureau of Elections in partnership with the Michigan Enhanced Redistricting Data Access Program Committee and is available for use to the consultant if consideration of this historical data is requested by the Commission.
15	A,1.(c)	19	Has someone in state government maintained information when precinct configurations have changed over the decade?	Yes. This information is maintained by the Michigan Bureau of Elections in partnership with the Center for Shared Solutions.
16	A,1.(c)	19	Has Community of Interests shape files already been created in the state?	No. While some data exists, additional data will be gathered in public hearings and through publicly available tools.
17	A,1.(c)	19	Are shape files of Community of Interests available?	No. While some data exists, additional data will be gathered in public hearings and through publicly available tools.
18	A.1.(e)	20	Are Racial bloc voting studies expected to be generated by the contractor during	Voting Right Act legal counsel and Polarized Voting analysis consultants will provide this



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			the redistricting process, or only later in support of litigation?	analysis. The contractor will be expected to assist these experts by furnishing data and redistricting plan details upon request.
19	A.1.(e)	20	Is contractor required to supply substantive experts for analytics such as partisan fairness, VRA compliance?	Voting Right Act legal counsel and Polarized Voting analysis consultants will be engaged to supply counsel and analysis regarding compliance.
20	A.1.2 (a)	20	Are transcripts of the public hearings expected, or only summaries of testimony?	All meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act, and will be recorded and available for viewing live, and transcripts will be available for the public.
21	A.1.2 (a)	20	Has ICRC arranged for the televising and recording of the public hearings?	All meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act, and will be recorded and available for viewing live, and transcripts will be available for the public.
22	A.3.1	23	Will this date of final acceptance change if the Census data doesn't arrive until fall, 2021?	At this time we do not anticipate any changes to our timeline, as stated in the Constitution.
23	A.8.10	30	Section says no travel expenses will be paid, yet Sec B.4 table has a space for travel expenses. Which statement applies to contract?	We prefer for travel expenses to be included as part of the contractor's bid. For example, contractor could provide a per-meeting travel cost, or an estimate for 15 hearings across the state.
24	A.8.10	30	Will travel expenses be covered if the travel is pre-approved by ICRC director?	We are looking for details about travel expenses to be included as part of the contractor's bid, rather than an add-on expense. Please provide any details on how you would propose to be compensated for travel in your proposal response.
25	RFP – Deliverable 1 (A)	18	Is it Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission's intent that the software will be licensed to the Commission?	The Commission needs a permanent record, that can be shared with the public and the next Redistricting Commission 10 years from now. The bidder should state how s/he intends to assure a viable method for assuring this. We expect the contractor to be the primary party running the software. Please also include in your proposal what additional costs or other considerations would need to be accommodated if a commissioner or commission staff were to request software and data access for individual use.
26	RFP		May we get a list of bidders?	Not at this time. A list of the bids submitted will be indicated when the Notice of Intent to Award is published