Request for Quote (RFQ) FHF-26-Q-0055
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STATISTICAL RATING ORGANIZATION (NRSRO) FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PRIVATE LABEL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES CREDIT RESEARCH

This is a combined synopsis/solicitation and request for quotes (RFQ) for commercial products or commercial services in accordance with the procedures of Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 12 - Acquisition of Commercial Items and FAR part 13 - Simplified Acquisition Procedures, with FAR part 12 taking precedence per FAR 13.500(b)'s reference to FAR 12.102(c). This announcement constitutes the only solicitation with quote requested.

This requirement is considered unrestricted under NAICS code 519290, Web Search Portals and All Other Information Services, with a size standard of 1,000 employees.

Questions, Suggested Alternate Terms, and Answers
Quoters are invited to submit any questions or suggested alternate terms (including changes to the solicitation, contract clauses, statement of assumptions, or other terms). FHFA will consider all input and attempt to balance the needs of all parties.

Questions or other suggested changes must be submitted by Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 1:00PM Eastern Time, by email to jennifer.sellers@fhfa.gov. Questions, any written responses, or amendments will be sent directly to the Quoters via email.

FAR References
Any FAR clauses or provisions referenced may be obtained at www.acquisition.gov/far. Also, any reference to offeror or offer has the same meaning as quoter or quote for this solicitation. The solicitation document and incorporated provisions and clauses are those in effect through Federal Acquisition Circular FAC 2026-01, March 13, 2026.

Submission Instructions
Quoters shall be registered in the System for Award Management as stated in FAR 52.204-7(b)(1).

Therefore, FAR 52.204-7 and FAR 52.204-16 are hereby incorporated by reference into the solicitation.

A Quoter that is not actively registered in the System for Award Management at the time of quote submission will not have its quote considered and will not be eligible for award.

Each Quoter shall submit an electronic quotation (Volumes I and II in separate files) to the Contracting Officer, Jennifer Sellers, via email at Jennifer.Sellers@fhfa.gov. Please have the subject line of your emailed electronic quotation be "Quotation Submittal for RFQ FHF-26-Q-0055."

The electronic quotation shall include any scanned copies of signatures associated with the quotation. The following formats shall be used to submit the Quoter's quotation:

- Volume I – Technical Quotation:
    - Item 1.0 Technical Capability and Approach: Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF
    - Item 2.0 Conformance with Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility Requirements (Section 508): Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF

- Volume II – Price Quotation:
    - Item 1.0 Completed Pricing Worksheets: Microsoft Excel for the price quotation numbers/calculations (Microsoft Excel spreadsheets are provided with this solicitation as Attachment C; please fill-in as directed); Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF for any narrative explanations of price (if needed)
    - Item 2.0 License Agreement / Terms of Use Agreement: Microsoft Word

Each email quotation including attachments cannot exceed 50 MB because it may be rejected by FHFA's server. If your entire quotation exceeds 50MB in size, please divide your quotation into appropriate smaller emails.

If a Quoter chooses to submit a quotation, the quote must remain valid for a minimum of 90 calendar days.

Quotes are due no later than Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026, at 1:00PM Eastern Time. Late submissions, modifications, and revisions will be managed in accordance with FAR 52.212-1(f).

FHFA's Contracting Officer reserves the right to reject the quotation as non-compliant if the quotation takes exception to any of the terms of the RFQ, includes assumptions, or does not conform to the RFQ's submission instructions.

All quotations must include a cover page addressing the following information:

1. RFQ Number
2. Quoter's Name
3. Subcontractor Name(s), If Applicable
4. Quoter Tax Identification Number (TIN)
5. Quoter System for Award Management (SAM) Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
6. Contact Name
7. Contact Email address
8. Contact telephone number
9. Complete business mailing address
10. The following statement "The Quoter takes no exception and completely accepts all the terms and conditions in the RFQ and subsequent amendments."

Volume I: Technical Quotation

The Quoter's technical submission should demonstrate the firm's capability to perform the work requirements outlined in the Attachment A. Volume I shall include separate sections within the volume outlining the following items:

Item 1.0 Technical Capability and Approach.

The Technical Capability and Approach must describe the Quoter's proposed overall capability and approach to fulfill the overall requirements of Attachment A, Statement of Work (SOW), especially those delineated in Section 4.0. Quoters must describe and demonstrate the soundness of their approach, methodology, technique, or plan to accomplish each task/requirement identified in Attachment A. Quoters must separately address each task/requirement and describe how it can complete and meet those tasks/requirements; the Quoter must **not** simply restate the requirements as written in Attachment A. The Government is seeking to determine if the Quoter can satisfy **all** of the Government's requirements and **how** the vendor intends to satisfy those requirements.

Additionally, the Quoter must clearly document and describe when it is quoting solutions/methods/requirements that **exceed** the stated minimum requirements in Attachment A and how the quoted solution/method/requirement exceeds the stated minimum requirements in Attachment A.

Included in the above:

- The Quoter must include a description of their research datasets, including their data dictionary or equivalent documentation. Data dictionary or equivalent documentation may be an embedded link (sites must be within the United States) and the page lengths will not be included in the Volume I, Item 1.0 page limit.

This item is evaluated and factors into a rating given for Volume I; it must be included by the Quoter in its Volume I submission.

Item 2.0 Conformance with Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Accessibility Requirements (Section 508).

Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) and Cloud-Based Solutions including Software as a Service (SaaS) products (no development or customization): Provide an Accessibility Conformance Report (ACR) for each commercially available Information and Communication Technology (ICT) item that will be developed, procured, maintained, or used under this contract.

1. Create the ACR using the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT®) Version 2.1 or later, located at https://www.itic.org/policy/accessibility/vpat.

2. Complete each ACR in accordance with the instructions provided in the VPAT® template. Each ACR must address the applicable Section 508 requirements referenced in the Statement of Work/Performance Work Statement/Specifications.

3. Address each standard individually and with specificity, and clarify whether conformance is achieved throughout the entire ICT Item (for example - user functionality, administrator functionality, and reporting), or only in limited areas of the ICT Item. Each ACR shall state exactly how the ICT meets the applicable standards in the remarks/explanations column, or through additional narrative. All "Not Applicable" responses must be explained in the remarks/explanations column or through additional narrative.

4. Provide a description of the evaluation methods used to support Section 508 conformance claims. The Agency reserves the right, prior to making an award decision, to perform testing on some or all of the Vendor's proposed ICT items to validate Section 508 conformance claims made in the ACR.

This item is evaluated and factors into a rating given for Volume I; it must be included by the Quoter in its Volume I submission.

Page Limitation.

Excluding the cover page and Item 2.0, the Volume I Technical quote (including all non-price factors and other attachments) submission is limited to **twenty (20) pages.**

The font and format shall be of readable quality. Excessively small font may be rejected or not evaluated at the Contracting Officer's discretion.

Quoters **shall not include any price information** in the technical quotation. For the overall technical quotation, a recitation or paraphrasing of the requirements already identified in the work requirements will not improve the quotation.

Volume II- Price Quotation

Each Quoter shall submit a price quotation separate from the technical quotation (Volume I).

The price quotation shall include the following:

Item 1.0 Completed Pricing Worksheets.

- Completion of all unit prices as stated in Attachment C, Pricing Worksheet, including any stated options. Please include any and all discounts in this pricing.

- If any further explanation of the price extended in the Attachment C Pricing Worksheet is needed, please include a Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF document within your Volume II submission that provides the necessary narrative. However, the Quoter's officially extended and final pricing shall be included in the Attachment C Pricing Worksheet.

- A separate document (whether in Microsoft Word, Adobe PDF, and/or Microsoft Excel) that provides pricing extended to other government agencies (e.g. federal, state, local, etc.) and commercial entities for similar data. This pricing information is used by FHFA to help determine whether the quoted pricing to FHFA is fair and reasonable.

This item is evaluated for price fairness and reasonableness; it must be included by the Quoter in its Volume II submission.

Item 2.0 License Agreement/Terms of Use Agreement.

Quoters shall submit their EULA or Terms of Use Agreement for its dataset access, preferably a Federal government version, as part of Volume II (as a separate Microsoft Word document). Quoters shall adhere to the SOW Section 6.0 for specific guidance related to the license agreements. The vendor shall provide a summary of the extent to which the license agreement meets or deviates from the SOW Section 6.0 requirements.

This item is **not** evaluated and does **not** factor into an analysis of the Volume II, Price Quotation submission, but must be included by the Quoter in its Volume II submission.

Page Limitation. There is no page limitation on the price quote submission**.**

Representations and Certifications

Quoters shall submit representations and certifications per FAR 52.212-3 (see FAR 52.212-3(b) for those representations and certifications that the quoter shall complete electronically).

Evaluation and Selection Process

Since this award is made under the policies of FAR Part 12 in conjunction with FAR Part 13 procedures, the evaluation process is streamlined, and FHFA has considerable flexibility in its award decision. FHFA will evaluate the quotation considering positive attributes, negative attributes, and potential risk of the overall quotation.

During the evaluation process, FHFA may or may not conduct exchanges. If FHFA conducts exchanges, such exchanges may be with one, several, or all Quoters. Exchanges may vary based on FHFA's need to understand or give Quoters an opportunity to improve their quotations, but all exchanges will be fair and equitable.

Only Quoters whose quotes receive an overall technical rating of acceptable or higher will be considered for award. Following an evaluation and, if necessary, tradeoff analysis, FHFA may make one or more than one award based on the quote(s) that is (are) evaluated to be the best value and determined responsible. While not guaranteed, at the current time, FHFA intends to make one (1) purchase order award.

The purchase order award will be for a base period of twelve (12) months plus four (4) one-year option years with firm-fixed-price (FFP) contract line item numbers (CLINs).

FHFA reserves the right to make an award based on other than the lowest quoted price. Technical (Volume I) is more important than price (Volume II); however, the importance of price as a factor could become greater if competing quotations are evaluated as technically equal.

List of Attachments

Attachment A	Statement of Work
Attachment B	Terms and Conditions
Attachment C	Pricing Worksheet