Below are the questions received by the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer (“Treasurer”) and the Treasurer’s responses. The questions listed herein are intended to be accurate representations of the questions received; as such, any errors in usage or spelling have not been corrected. Any capitalized terms that are not defined herein have the meaning set forth in the Request for Proposals Interactive Data and Electronic Trading System (370-300-19-007) (“RFP”) published by the Treasurer on October 3, 2019.

1. Whether companies from Outside USA can apply for this (like, from India or Canada)?

Companies located outside of the United States may respond so long as they are authorized to do business in Illinois, meet all of the mandatory requirements set forth in Section VI(A) of the RFP, and are able to certify compliance with all of the Illinois State Treasurer Certifications and complete all related disclosures attached to Appendix A in the RFP. However, as stated in Section V(D)(10) of the RFP, if the CPO determines that it is in the Treasurer’s best interest, she reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals received in response to the RFP.

2. Whether we need to come over there for meetings?

Physical presence is not required for meetings; however, Respondents must be able to communicate with the Treasurer’s Office via videoconference.

3. Can we perform the tasks (related to the RFP) outside USA (like, from India or Canada)?

The tasks related to the RFP may be performed outside the United States; however, the winning Respondent must meet all of the requirements set forth in the RFP and described in the answer to Question 1, above.

4. Can we submit the proposals via email?

Proposals may not be submitted via email. Please see the manner and format of submission set forth in Section IV(A) of the RFP.