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 Invitation for Bid Printer (370-800-20-009) (“IFB”) published by the Treasurer on January 13, 2020.

1. In Specifications Section A. subsection 6. It states the ability to add metallic finish, clear coat and white underlay. Is this a requirement? Reason I ask — you will limit the amount of manufacturers that are even able to respond to this bid to Ricoh and potentially Xerox only. If the decision has been made this is the route you would like to go that’s fine — just thought I would ask.

   Yes, this is a requirement.

2. If the answer to my first question is no — do you have any information on the number of prints this machine will be running (black and white vs. color)? Traditionally, offset have an annual maintenance cost whereas moving to a digital machine as the bid describes are billed based on clicks or prints. In order to put together an accurate pricing response – we will need at least an estimated number or monthly or annual prints and breakdown.

   The answer to the previous question was “yes.” We do not have an accurate estimate as our print jobs vary significantly from month-to-month.