

Summary: The following document address questions submitted to VCGI by companies potentially interested in responding to VCGI’s “VT Open GeoData Portal – Request for Information”¹.

Questions and Answers

- **Question:** Section 1 Executive Summary: The RFI is noted as being “...designed to gather information from geospatial technology providers...” Is VCGI willing to entertain a partnership amongst such providers in the final RFP if/when it is released?
 - **Answer:** Yes, VCGI is willing to entertain a partnership amongst such providers in a final RFP if/when it is released.

- **Question:** Section 3 Project Overview: Project Vision and Goals: Goals: 3rd Bullet. Can you expand on the status, or provide pointers to relevant information on the status, of the VT Open Data Portal effort?
 - **Answer:** The Enterprise GIS Consortium’s (EGC) SharePoint site contains working documents developed by the EGC’s Open Data Workgroup. Its available here (<https://outside.vermont.gov/sites/egcgeo/opendatawg/>). The EGC’s Open Data Workgroup has accomplished the following to date.

Project Milestones	Date
Kickoff Meeting – EGC Workgroup	May 2013
Drafted Project Charter	June 2013
Identified Requirements & Defined Target Audience	Sept 2013
Completed Competitive Analysis	Oct 2013
Evaluated COTS Solutions and Software Platforms.	March 2014
Released Request for Information (RFI)	April 2014

At its March 18th meeting , the VCGI Board of Directors did not approve VCGI’s request to release an RFP. Instead they suggested that we release an RFI. As noted in the RFI, it is uncertain whether an RFP will be released. There are a number of factors which will drive the decision, including funding availability and the future disposition of VCGI.

- **Question:** Section 3 Project Overview: Accomplishments to Date: Project Milestones: 5th Bullet. Can you provide any documentation resulting from any completed and/or ongoing evaluation efforts?
 - **Answer:** Yes, please refer to the following documents.

<https://outside.vermont.gov/sites/egcgeo/opendatawg/Shared%20Documents/VT->

¹ <http://vcgi.vermont.gov/rfps>

Data-Warehouse-PilotTesting_Socrata_draft1.pdf
https://outside.vermont.gov/sites/egcgeo/opendatawg/Shared%20Documents/UserStories_Ranking_PlatformTesting_draft20140408.pdf
https://outside.vermont.gov/sites/egcgeo/opendatawg/Shared%20Documents/PublisherStories_Ranking_PlatformTesting_draft20140408.pdf

- **Question:** Section 6.3 technical requirements: 2nd Bullet. Can you expand on, or provide pointers to, what is considered the “latest Open Data protocols and approaches”?
 - **Answer:** This is where we are looking for RFI Responders to education VCGI on what is considered the “latest Open Data protocols and approaches”. We realize that Open Data is an evolving area of innovation, with many different collaborative and sometimes duplicative efforts. We are looking for RFI Responders to synthesize this information, and recommend a solution that integrates established Open Data “standards”, “best practices”, “best of breed” solutions.