Request for Cure

Pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/50-57, the Chief Procurement Officer for General Services may, at the request of the State Purchasing Officer and agency head, permit a cure during an active procurement if a violation or deficiency of the Procurement Code, or of the procurement rules, regulations, policies, or practices promulgated by a chief procurement officer occurs.

Instructions for Submission: Complete sections 1-3. The State Purchasing Officer should provide the "Request for Cure" form to the Chief Procurement Officer with documentation as needed to support the request.

1. Procurement Deficiency

1.1 State Agency Name	DoIT - Innovation and Technology
1.2 BidBuy Reference Number	25-448DOIT-ADMIN-B-46893
1.3 Procurement Description	Laboratory Information Management System RFP
1.4 Date Agency notified SPO of the violation or deficiency	Nov 18, 2025

1.5 Provide a clear description of the violation or deficiency, including reference to the statute, rule, regulation, CPO Notice, or practice lacking compliance.

Per "Bid Opening Date" in BidBuy posting and Section C.2 of the RFP, proposals were due April 24, 2025, at 2:00 PM CST. Per Section C.2 of the RFP, the Offer must remain firm for 180 days from opening, expiring October 21, 2025. As of the date of this request (12/16/25), the evaluators have not yet finished the evaluation of the RFP and no bid firm time extension has been requested or granted; the bid firm time has lapsed by 56 days.

2. Justification to Cure the Violation or Deficiency

Provide a detailed explanation why the benefits of permitting a cure outweigh the potential harm to stakeholders.

First, the cure is permitted under 44 Ill. Adm. Code 1.2005(d)(2): "After opening bids, proposals, responses or submissions, the SPO may request bidders, offerors, respondents or vendors to extend the time during which the State agency may accept the bids, offers, responses or submissions, provided that, with regard to bids, no other change is permitted. This extension shall not exceed 180 days after the opening and does not provide an opportunity for others to submit bids, offers, responses or submissions."

Secondly, DoIT has verified that all six (6) responsive offerors are amenable to holding their pricing firm for another 180 days from the bid opening date, through 4/19/26. Each offeror communicated that to DoIT, in writing. Please see the attached documentation of offeror approvals in the folder named "LIMS RFP Offer Firm Time Extension." Therefore, there is virtually no potential for real harm to the stakeholders that could reasonably be associated with the approval of this request to cure.

Third, there is a real potential for harm to both the vendors and the state by not permitting the cure of DoIT's procurement deficiency. This is a complex RFP for laboratory information management systems; completing and submitting responsive proposals for this solicitation was a heavy resource lift for the offerors. Resoliciting would require much of that work to be redone or, at minimum, revisited and updated. Also, the end users of the system would face an additional delay in implementing this critical solution while the solicitation process was restarted.

Permitting the cure, and extending the Bid Firm Time by an additional 180 days, will allow DoIT to complete the process of evaluating a vendor for award without any reasonable risk of potential harm to the stakeholders. It would actually mitigate potential issues as described above. The remaining steps would include scoring the final C2D evaluation, conducting outlier meetings, conducting and scoring demonstrations, scoring pricing, getting SPO final review of scoring and, finally, post a notice

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of award.

3. Recommended Action Necessary to Cure the Violation or Deficiency

Provide a clear description of the action necessary to cure the violation or deficiency, including the party(ies) that will undertake the action and the time frame to complete each action.

DoIT is requesting a 180-day extension of the bid firm time on this RFP (180 days from the date of bid opening) through 04/19/2026. If granted, DoIT will work with the involved parties to complete all evaluations, finalize scoring, and make an award so that contract formulation and execution can proceed with all due haste. For a more robust description of the remaining steps and the estimated timelines associated with each one, please see Attachment A / LIMS RFP Evaluation Timeline.

4. Agency Head and State Purchasing Officer Attestation

The agency head (designee not permitted) and State Purchasing Officer (SPO) individually attest: "I believe the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of the procurement can be maintained while permitting the cure."

Agency Head Name	Brandon Ragle	Date	Dec 22, 2025
Agency Head Signature	Brandon Ragle — Digitally signed by Brandon Ragle Date: 2025.12.22 10:07:10 -06'00'		
SPO Name	David Papp	Date	Dec 22, 2025
SPO Signature	David P Papp — Digitally signed by David P Papp Date: 2025.12.22 10:25:53 -06'00'		

5. Required Action to Cure or Rationale for Denying the Cure Request

An extension of the proposal firm pricing time on this RFP, the new proposal firm pricing date is 04/19/2026.

6. Chief Procurement Officer for General Services Determination

6.1 ☒ I authorize curing the violation or deficiency when following the action in section 5.

6.2 ☐ I deny the request to cure the violation or deficiency in subsection 1.4 based on the rationale in section 5.

Ellen H. Daley Signature	Ellen Holzman Daley — Digitally signed by Ellen Holzman Daley Date: 2026.01.08 15:01:00 -06'00'	Date	Jan 8, 2026