



**Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
Criminal Justice-Behavioral Health Information Sharing
Request for Proposals
Clarification and Enhancement Request**

All clarification questions and recommendations for enhancement regarding this Request for Proposals (RFP) must be submitted in writing to the RFP Coordinator, Angela Raya, at araya@regionsix.com.

All questions/recommendations must be received by **4:00 p.m. (CST) on June 21, 2024**.

Written responses from Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare (Region 6) will be provided within two (2) business days to all organizations that submitted a Notification of Intent to Respond.

Organization's Question/Recommendation:

1. How many unique data sources are expected to be integrated into the data warehouse?
2. What is the expected scope and size of the data sources for the data warehouse, both by number of tables and rows as well as the storage size in terabytes?
3. Can Region 6 describe the data ingestion performance benchmarks and frequency it is seeking to achieve?
4. Will the data warehouse store semi-structured and unstructured data? If so, can Region 6 describe the types of data?
5. Is the data warehouse expected to replace any current data warehouse environment or data mart?
6. Does Region 6 currently receive data from partners? If so, can Region 6 describe the current extract, transform and load (ETL) or ELT process?
7. Does Region 6 have a preference for an on-premise or cloud-housed data warehouse?
8. Does Region 6 have a preferred cloud platform (e.g. AWS, Azure, Google, Oracle)?
9. Can Region 6 provide a breakdown summary of the 500 users by partner organization, role, and responsibility?
10. Can Region 6 describe the level of implementation and support services it desires to implement the data warehouse? For example, does it expect a partner to develop the full data model and data integration processes exclusively or is Region 6 seeking to acquire the data warehouse technology and receive high-level training (but plans to implement the data warehouse using internal resources)?
11. Can Region 6 describe the governance and data sharing process it has established with partners?
12. Does Region 6 current have a data governance program or governance policies in place that this project should be governed under? Or will the respondent be expected to provide recommendations on structure along with best practices?
13. Can Region 6 clarify any and all data management and data integration technologies currently used?
14. Through this RFP, is Region 6 clarify its desire for data management technologies to be included in RFP responses which may range from helpful to necessary a successful data warehouse initiative including:
 - a. Data Integration
 - b. Data Quality
 - c. Master Data Management
 - d. Data Catalog
 - e. Data Governance

15. Can Region 6 share any budgetary estimates it has prepared for this initiative?

Region 6's Answer/Response:

1. Known unique data sources are included on page 4, section 2 of the RFP. Additional requirements gathering may be necessary to identify additional unique data sources.
2. The expected scope and size of the data sources in terms of number of tables and storage size in terabytes is unknown.
3. The data ingestion performance benchmarks and frequency it is seeking to achieve is unknown by Region 6 and Partners at this time and will be determined during the requirements gathering process.
4. The types of data that will be stored in the data warehouse solution may vary and will be determined during the requirements gathering process, as indicated on page 11, section 4, bullet 4 of the RFP.
5. No, the data warehouse is not expected to replace any current data warehouse environment or data mart.
6. No, Region 6 does not currently receive data from partners in the context of this project.
7. Region 6 and Partners do not have a preference for an on-premise or cloud-housed data warehouse. Respondents should include how the solution is hosted.
8. Region 6 and Partners do not have a preference for a cloud platform. Respondents should detail available options in their proposal response.
9. Region 6 cannot break down the distribution of users by partner organization, role, and responsibility. However, the majority will be end-users. Region 6 and each of the Partners may have a small number of administrators and/or super users.
10. Region 6 and Partners do not have the infrastructure to implement a data warehouse. Respondent is expected to develop the data model and data integration processes.
11. Region 6 and Partners will establish the governance and data sharing agreement, policies and procedures in conjunction with the implementation of the selected solution.
12. Region 6 has policies and procedures for Region 6 staff encapsulated within Region 6's IT security plan. Partners will have their own data governance policies and procedures not managed by Region 6. Respondent may choose to include a description of the level of support they will provide with regard to recommendations on structure and best practices within the proposal response.
13. Region 6 does not currently use any data management or data integration technologies related to this project. Partners' currently utilized data management and data integration technologies may be determined during the requirements gathering process.
14. The ratings for data management technologies listed below are current estimates. Respondents may choose to include available options or recommendations within the proposal response.
 - a. Data Integration - Necessary
 - b. Data Quality - Helpful
 - c. Master Data Management - Helpful
 - d. Data Catalog - Necessary
 - e. Data Governance - Necessary
15. Region 6 cannot share any budgetary estimates at this time.