

SFA Modernization Partner Project
LEGACY CONTRACT TRANSITION PLAN
National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)
Executive Summary

Recommendation

It is recommended that the NSLDS contract be extended on a sole source basis for eighteen (18) months, through December 31, 2001 and include 2 six-month option periods.

Since NSLDS has so many interfaces with other programs, it is impossible at this time to determine what the new SFA architecture may hold in store for NSLDS. What we do know at this time is that the Modernization Partner, Andersen Consulting, has recommended 23 major initiatives for SFA consideration. At least 7 of the initiatives will have a major impact on NSLDS.

These 7 initiatives as described in the SFA Modernization Sequencing Plan, dated April 7, 2000, include:

1. Cross Channel Enabling Technology/Infrastructure - Advanced Call Center/Relationship Management
2. Cross Channel Enabling Technology/Infrastructure - Data Warehouse
3. Cross Channel Enabling Technology/Infrastructure - Enterprise Integration (Integration Architecture Services)
4. Cross Channel Enabling Technology/Infrastructure - Information Security
5. Cross Channel Enabling Technology/Infrastructure - Web Portals
6. Cross Channel Enabling Technology/Infrastructure - Single Identifier (PIN)
7. FMT-FMS Phase III (Full Program Functionality)

The timetable for Requirements Analysis and Design; Management Decision to Continue; and Development and Implementation varies for each initiative. The completion dates for the initiatives vary but range from as early as June 2001 to September 2001. For these reasons, it is technologically impractical to switch contractors now and possibly have to switch again once the architecture is determined.

Statutory Authority:

The statutory justification for other than full and open competition is based on Federal Acquisition Regulation 6.302-1 (a) (2) (11) (B), which states: “**6.302-1 Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements.** (a) *Authority* _____ (2) When the supplies or services required by the agency are available from only one responsible source.”