Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority
Land Bank Data Services and Systems
Request for Proposals

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Proposals must be submitted by 11:59pm EST June 30th, 2025. Review the introduction and scope of services carefully and submit a detailed response including **pricing, scope of services Bidder can provide, and two references of recent and relevant work**. Please email responses in PDF or Excel format to the email address above.

Part I. Introduction

The Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority (MRLBA) is seeking proposals for a database and user interface for the land bank. This includes an initial bulk data download of all vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated properties and ongoing data acquisition of applicable properties in the State of Maine. The interface should be applicable to a variety of users, including but not limited to municipalities, regional councils, and developers. **Bidders may submit for a portion of the RFP, but preference will be given to a comprehensive package.** This document provides instructions for submitting proposals, the procedure and criteria by which the awarded Bidder will be selected and the contractual terms which will govern the relationship between MRLBA and the awarded Bidder.

Founded in 2024, MRLBA partners with local governments and community organizations to accelerate the redevelopment of neglected, abandoned, environmentally hazardous, and functionally obsolete properties within the State of Maine. A land bank, like MRLBA, acquires, manages, and revitalizes abandoned properties, transforming them into thriving community assets and driving economic growth. One major task for MRLBA is to produce a public-facing digital platform that assists stakeholders in identifying such properties in the State of Maine. A key component of this task is acquiring background data to inform such a platform.

Data acquisition in this field is challenging due to various levels of information available from different municipalities. Thus, data acquisition must originate from a variety of sources to best understand which properties are vacant or at risk of abandonment. Furthermore, this data is in a constant state of flux, and the data sources must be updated regularly to be of contemporary use to stakeholders. MRLBA stakeholders may have varied needs with the database, so it will be important for MRLBA and stakeholders to be able to manipulate and analyze the data.

Part II. Scope of Services to be Provided

Bidders are encouraged to apply to fill any portion of this scope, although the most comprehensive package will be given the greatest preference. The highest scores will go to Bidders who can provide the following services and systems:

A. Initial data acquisition

1. Identify neglected, abandoned, environmentally hazardous properties in Maine and provide MRLBA with the following information for relevant properties to the greatest extent possible:
    - **a.** Town, map, and lot numbers
    - **b.** Current use if any
    - **c.** Property type: land or structure
    - **d.** Private or public ownership
    - **e.** Acreage of property
    - **f.** Square footage of structures on lot
    - **g.** Total assessed value
    - **h.** All parcels for towns with digitized tax maps
    - **i.** Parcels for towns without digitized tax maps where possible
    - **j.** Tax delinquency (multi-year)
    - **k.** Parcel/lot-level ownership records
    - **l.** Property condition/code violations
    - **m.** Foreclosure history
    - **n.** Zoning and land use
    - **o.** Environmental risk (e.g., brownfields)
    - **p.** Market data
        - **i.** Property values
        - **ii.** Sales history
    - **q.** Demolition records
    - **r.** Vacancy indicators
        - **i.** Utility shut-off
        - **ii.** USPS non-delivery
    - **s.** Any other relevant information on blighted properties in Maine

B. Ongoing data collection

1. Data is updated at least weekly
2. Data is automatically published on the user interface when updated

C. User Interface

1. Data would ideally be hosted by the awarded Bidder of this RFP. Elements of the user interface include:
    - **a.** Online map display of all data
    - **b.** Ability to add or subtract other shapefiles, for example FEMA flood maps
    - **c.** Using a data filter tool, users can:
        - **i.** Create custom maps and analytics reports
        - **ii.** Export data to shapefiles and Excel
    - **d.** Interface should have tiered levels of access to limit public access