

PIV Questions:

1. Only the federal government can issue a PIV credentials. PIV-I was developed to extend protections and interoperability to non-federal public and the private-sector. Is the intent to issue PIV-I credentials?

**DCRB Response:** District of Columbia Retirement Board (DCRB) is a District of Columbia government agency, but not a federal agency. This Smart card personal identification verification will be solely used to access the DCRB facility and computer resources only and will not be used in any other District or federal agencies.

The intent is to use the card to authenticate users through an enrollment process and as an identification card.

2. The strategic intent of PIV-I is to support and enable interoperability within organizational enterprises and with others outside of the enterprise in a trusted way. The accompanying NIST and GSA structures provide structure to ensure a broad range of qualified suppliers and service providers. DC appears to be requiring and limiting the procurement to specific company products and services vs tested and qualified providers.

**DCRB Response:** DCRB is not interested in the interoperability and use of the card with other District and federal government agencies.

- a. Can DC clarify intend to limit competition and select specific providers?

**DCRB Response:** DCRB needs a product or a solution that is secure, easy to use, and efficient solution that serves as an identification card and can be integrated with an existing physical access proximity card reader, as well as access control mechanism for computer log in with either a PIN or other authenticating mechanisms. Based on a proof of concept and vendor product demonstrations, the VSEC CMS S-Series appeared to be a workable solution.

- b. B) Why is DC specifically requiring VSEC CMS S-Series smart card and personal identification solutions to DCRB vs interoperable products and services? Are there unique capabilities and interfaces different that other qualified products?

**DCRB Response:** The VSEC CMS S-Series appeared to be a workable solution based on a proof of concept and demo. Set up and enrollment process were not difficult and easy to manage.

3. Qualified providers continue to evolve and enhance product and service offerings. Vendor specific requests may not provide the most value-added products and services. Will there a more interactive approach or opportunities for industry to present or demonstrate their products and services?

**DCRB Response:** DCRB brought in different vendors to demonstrate their product and through proof of concepts before deciding on the VSEC CMS S-Series smart card and personal identification verification solution. Therefore, we not interested in any other product demonstrations at this time.

4. For the products listed, are they all brand-specific? e.g. Gemalto Card Readers - could they be comparable readers from another company, assuming no loss in functionality?

**DCRB Response:** Yes, the products listed are brand-specific. However, if there are comparable readers from another vendor/company that will not have any impact on functionality and security of the solution, they could be considered.