

**Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
RFI_20170927_Interactive Voice Response
Amendment 002**

Questions

Q22. Please provide details on your current telephony environment:

- a. -PBX Make and Model
- b. -Software Version

A. The current environment is AVAYA version 6.3.

Q23. Can your current telephony environment support a SIP trunk connection to the new IVR platform?

A. Yes, it does.

Q24. Is your current environment in one location or multiple locations?

A. We have two datacenters. One location will serve as primary and the other location will be the backup.

Q25. Is your current IVR platform Premise based or hosted?

A. The current IVR platform is Premise based.

Q26. What format are the current Nuance Speech Grammars in and is it possible to get a copy?

A. WMATA's IVR uses Nuance version 8.5. A copy of the Nuance Speech Grammars is not needed to respond to the RFI.

Q27. The system shall provide trip planning guidance through Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) XML interface module. Is the trip planning module currently deployed? Who is providing this module?

A. Yes, it is deployed. Trapeze Inc. provides and maintains the trip planning module for WMATA.

Q28. The system shall provide real-time vehicle arrivals through XML interface module. Is the real time arrivals module currently deployed? Who is providing this module?

A. Yes, it is deployed. The real-time arrivals IVR interface module is provided and maintained by WMATA and the IVR maintenance contractor.

Q29. The system shall provide answers to FAQs for the customer. Can you provide some additional information on this requirement? Are questions for FAQ structured/defined or is the intent to allow the caller to ask anything? Is there a back end system where will the IVR will access answers to FAQ?

A. The IVR system applications allow customers to interface by telephone with static and dynamic messages about fares, parking, SmarTrip as well as real-time next bus/train arrival information. Prospective vendors can interact with the current IVR by dialing 202-637-7000. The next generation IVR structure has yet to be determined and depends on the current technical capabilities of vendor systems.

Q30. The system shall support automated call distribution (ACD)—routing incoming calls to the most appropriate agents. Does the product offer any unique integration capabilities with ACD other than simply passing a call that needs to be routed to an agent? Can you please provide details on your existing call center system? Are you looking to continue to use your current ACD?

A. The current WMATA PBX make/model and software environment is AVAYA version 6.3. Yes, we will continue to use the current Avaya ACD.

Q31. Will you be able to demonstrate how the IVR system can be integrated with WMATA's telephony system? If so, what is your approach and what resources do you require? Is a POC a requirement for this RFI?

A. The current WMATA PBX make/model and software environment is AVAYA version 6.3. The vendor can describe/demonstrate how their IVR system would integrate with our telephone system, if possible. The POC for this RFI is referenced in section 3.1.

Q32. The system shall integrate with WMATA train management systems for transit information and services. Can you please provide some additional detail on this system? Is it provided by a third party? What options for integration are available?

- A. The system shall provide real-time vehicle arrivals through XML interface module. This system is managed internally by WMATA. Additional details will be provided as the project moves to RFP.**
- Q33.** The system shall integrate with WMATA fare collection system for customer account information and services. Can you please provide some additional detail on this system? Is it provided by a third party? What options for integration are available?
- A. The fare collection IVR integration module is not currently in place. Additional details will be provided as the project moves to RFP.**
- Q34.** A subset of existing Customer data must be ported over to the new solution. What technique will be used to transform and map the data to the new platform? Is the data stored in a Microsoft database? Please provide additional details on the current location and format of the customer data.
- A. The vendor should show examples of previous IVR project data migrations, if any. WMATA uses Oracle and Trapeze databases to store customer data. Additional details will be provided as the project moves to RFP.**
- Q35.** Client References- One Current client of similar services and Two former clients of similar services. Would it be acceptable to use 3 current clients?
- A. It would not be acceptable to use 3 current clients.**
- Q36.** Do you use the Nuance address OSDM?
- A. No, we do not use the Nuance address OSDM.**
- Q37.** As per question 20. Can you please provide additional details as to what data and messaging functions are to be supported in a Web based GUI?
- A. The ability to add, review or delete IVR customer facing audio messages. Also, the ability to manipulate/route call transfers through the web based interface.**

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