REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL "RFP VPL20211109
VPL Website Drupal Migration 7 to 9

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NO. 1

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Q1	**Page 5 & 13: "content migration". For content that can not be automatically migrated, does VPL want to manage the migration internally or do you prefer the proponent to do it?**
A1	Much of this depends on the approach the successful proponent takes towards the migration. If the proponent feels a back-engineered rebuild of the Library's current 7 site in Drupal 9 is more beneficial, the above question doesn't quite apply. If using a more traditional migration approach, we would need to know what content could not be migrated and why before understanding if we needed/did not need the assistance of the proponent.
Q2	**Page 8: "Training". How many VPL staff need to be trained and what is their breadth of interaction with the website (technical, contributor, content manager, etc.)**
A2	Most of the training will be supplied to the Library web services and systems teams, comprised of approximately 6-8 people who fill technical, administrator, and/or developer roles. These are highly skilled positions; all of which are fluent in Drupal 7. The Library assumes, in terms of contributor/content manager functions, the above staff will be able to provide further training to the Library staff who provide content.
Q3	**Page 8: "Timeline": When will the successful proponent be notified and is there a short-list process?**
A3	The aim is for selection to take place in December - January, with the successful proponent being contacted towards the end of that period. Depending on the number, content, and quality of the proposals, the Library may schedule meetings with the top proponents prior to the final selection to address any lingering questions.

Q4	**How many nodes are there on the existing Drupal site?**
A4	2321 published nodes.
Q5	**How many blocks are there on the existing Drupal site?**
A5	142 visible blocks for the current theme. Our site uses the Context module which selectively adds blocks depending on specified conditions. We have 111 contexts set up, with possibly multiple blocks per context.
Q6	**How many views are there on the existing Drupal site?**
A6	88 Views, with a total of 389 "enabled" displays (some displays are "enabled" but may not be visible on the site).
Q7	**How many content types are there on the existing Drupal site?**
A7	27
Q8	**How many files are in the templates folder?**
A8	36
Q9	**How many contributed modules?**
A9	137
Q10	**How many Custom modules? (If so, how complex and big is the code)?**
A10	4 (VPL developers will be migrating these internally)
Q11	**Which "Theme" are you using?**
A11	We are using a custom theme that is based on Aurora. Moving forward, VPL wants a custom theme that is not dependent on other themes and plug-ins.
Q12	**What is the architecture of the servers?**
A12	Current specs: • Drupal 7: version 7.78 • System OS: CentOS 7.8 • Database: MariaDB 10.1.46 • Search: Solr 4.6.1.

	• CSS: sass files compiled and aggregated through a custom Gulp script (on development server only) • PHP: 5.6.40 Drupal 9 intended specs: • System OS: Rocky Linux (most recent version) • Database: MariaDB (most recent version available to Rocky Linux) • Search – will use the Solr version recommended by the Drupal Solr module • PHP – version 8.0 (or most recent version available to Rocky Linux) • No gulp All, except for SOLR, are running on a single server.
Q13	**How many users? (+ how many additional LDAP/SSO user access connections if you're using that too)?**
A13	61 active users
Q14	**Has there been any thought or discussion around moving to a more modern, capable CMS?**
A14	We are not considering a non-Drupal solution
Q15	**Any specific reason VPL isn't exploring a fresh UX/UI for the project**
A15	We are satisfied with our current UX/UI

END OF Q&A No. 1