

**Sacramento County Employees Retirement System (SCERS)  
Request For Information**

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**Questions & Answers**

## Responses to Vendor Questions

Question Ref ID	Date Submitted	Section	Question Number	Page No.	Question	Response
1	17-May	-	-	-	For the avoidance of doubt, can SCERS confirm that the intention of this Request for Information is to identify vendors that provide OUTSOURCED investment accounting and operational services, including capturing data from managers and other sources, reconciling to the custodian, and reporting?	Confirmed.
2	21-May	SCERS Investment Accounting System RFI (PDF)	"APPENDIX: Background Information"	12, 13	Can you please describe and explain what is "Real Assets" as noted on page 12 and the sub-note 10 on page 13?	Mostly private investments in energy (both upstream and midstream) and infrastructure. Can also include agriculture, timber and commodities (liquid). Real Assets are mostly equity, but can include debt investments also.
3	21-May	SCERS Investment Accounting System RFI (PDF)	"APPENDIX: Issue Types"	14	Can you please describe and explain a "Non-Secy Asset-Stock" Issue Type?	Includes a mix of cash equivalents and account payables within SCERS' separate account real estate properties (which SCERS is in the process of transitioning away from), as well as cash equivalents and swaps within other alternative asset positions.
4	21-May	Functional Requirements	-	-	Are there any Peer to Peer Assets or Transactions?	1. Since SCERS has only one investment pool there are no transfers between legally separate investment portfolios, such as would occur if SCERS had more than one investment pool. 2. SCERS population of managers operate independently of each other.
5	21-May	Functional Requirements	4.300.1	-	Is Real Estate Accounting required or is the Real Estate Fund using Purchase and Sale Agreements?	SCERS does not require servicing or operational support for real estate assets. SCERS holds its real estate (or is moving to a state where it holds its real estate positions) in funds, and will require accounting for real estate at the fund level.
6	21-May	Functional Requirements	5.300.0	-	Can you please provide Sample Custom Reports for our review?	SCERS does not require any predefined custom reports but would expect to have ad hoc report/query tools.
7	21-May	Non Functional Requirements	5	-	Please provide list of data feeds required – vendors to provide data to?	SCERS is asking the vendor to propose how data will be collected from managers and the custodian. There is currently no requirement to provide data to vendors. Currently SCERS does not contract with data vendors for data such as pricing, factors, rates, ratings etc... this information is provided by the custodian. If a vendors solution requires SCERS to contract for data services such as factors, prices etc. we expect this to be fully enumerated in the proposal. SCERS plans to continue to use the custodian as the book of record, any market or reference data would be used in the course of maintaining a shadow book of record as outlined in the RFI.
8	21-May	-	-	-	What type of data needs to be tracked to facilitate "look-through" reporting of manual assets?	Please note that this is a 'Desired' requirement and not mandatory. We are looking for proposals from vendors on how they would go about solving for this requirement. The population of funds and managers is publicly available in the investment performance report <a href="http://www.retirement.saccounty.net/Pages/FinancialInformation.aspx">http://www.retirement.saccounty.net/Pages/FinancialInformation.aspx</a>
9	21-May	-	-	-	Is there a document management requirement for manual assets?	It is not identified as required within the scope of this RFI. If a vendor wishes to propose a document management component as part of their solution for manual assets, and explain its value, SCERS welcomes the opportunity to understand the nature of such a solution.

10	21-May	-	-	-	Can you provide sample examples of excel sheets DS01, DS02, DS12, and DS13?	SCERS plans to invite several vendors for office visits/discussions prior to completing and issuing an RFP. We will present example Excel worksheets at that time and will also include them in any RFP.
11	21-May	-	-	-	For cell A14 of the General Questions tab can you please clarify your definition of "summary of the term of the account"?	The term of the account is the length of time the account has been an active client account defined as being live on your platform. "Summary" refers to the list of items we were requesting information on.
12	21-May	-	-	-	For the non-core Real Estate funds SCERS informs the custodian of the correct entries after the financial statements and ledger entries are complete How frequently is the custodian given the entries (is it quarterly, aligning with the reconciliation and accounting process, or more often)?	The Custodian records are updated quarterly based on activities provided by SCERS' accounting, which is the frequency of the non-core real estate fund reports.
13	21-May	-	-	-	SCERS values its investments at fair value for purposes of its financial statements. For publicly traded investments in stable markets, fair value and market value are expected to align; for certain real estate and private equity investments, and investments in less stable or emerging markets, fair value and market may diverge. How does SCERS envision fair value be estimated for less liquid assets, and assets trading in less stable markets?	SCERS follows GASB 72 which borrowed its valuation hierarchy from FASB standard ASC 820 (formerly FAS 157). SCERS requires that any solution support valuation according to GASB72. Fund values are provided by the managers. Fund valuations are reviewed independently by SCERS' investment consultants.
14	29-May	-	-	-	Would it be possible to ask for an extension for another week or two?	SCERS prefers to receive vendor responses not later than June 15, 2018, however we will accept vendor input at any point prior to the issuance of the Request for Proposals (RFP). Vendor input from RFI responses will be used to guide preparation of SCERS' FY2018/2019 operating budget, development of the annual strategic management plan and development of the RFP. SCERS operates on a 7/1 to 6/30 fiscal year. Earlier vendor submissions will naturally have more influence on the SCERS activities listed above.