

Questions Received: Psychology Doctoral Internship Matching System

The following questions and answers are provided based on inquiries from potential offerors:

1. **The following inquiry has been received:** Will system requested be a standalone website/portal or will system requested be part of an existing website/portal?

The following response applies: Yes, system will be a standalone. However, preference will be given to vendors who can demonstrate the ability to tie VA's system into existing systems supporting national psychology match services. For example, if an applicant can apply into a national psychology match service system and then concurrently be entered into a VA-specific match system, this would be helpful. This would help the applicant avoid having to post duplicate applications.

2. **The following inquiry has been received:** Is system supposed to have functionalities comparable to functionalities of portal: <https://www.natmatch.com>?

The following response applies: Yes

3. **The following inquiry has been received:** Is system supposed to support scheduling and sending out direct communication to internship applicants? ex. deadlines reminder, incomplete application reminder

The following response applies: At a minimum, the system should be able to confirm registration, send reminders when ranks are due (to the VA facilities) and how to access match results. Demonstration from the vendor to create a system with the ability to easily send out mass or personalized messages easily to the applicants would be helpful (regarding upcoming deadlines, incomplete applications, selection, etc.).

4. **The following inquiry has been received:** Is system supposed to include functionality of matching couples (applicant wishes to be matched to the same program as its spouse/partner) to a program?

The following response applies: Yes

5. **The following inquiry has been received:** Should estimate include ongoing monthly maintenance cost?

The following response applies: Yes

6. **The following inquiry has been received:** Is there a format you would like to see as a response?

The following response applies: No, but it does need to cover the proposed project plan to accomplish all the goals in the requested period of time.

7. **The following inquiry has been received:** Is there specific information you would like besides confirming our ability to perform the work and our certifications?

The following response applies: Demonstration of knowledge regarding psychology match services

8. **The following inquiry has been received:** Is there a page limit for the submission?

The following response applies: No

9. **The following inquiry has been received:** I would like to find out the RFI response requirement. What should be included in the response?

The following response applies: Demonstration of knowledge regarding psychology match services, and providing a proposed project plan to accomplish all the goals required of the RFI in the requested period of time.

10. **The following inquiry has been received:** Is this a new requirement?

The following response applies: Yes, this is a new requirement VA is looking to acquire. We have previously used the Association of Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Internship Centers (APPPIC) internship match service but would now like to invest in an independent VA-specific psychology internship match service to be congruent with VA's current psychology qualification standards.