WSUL and DALNET

RFP Response Evaluation Criteria

System: Advanced Library Concepts (ADLIB)

1. Overall suitability to WSU and DALNET:

While the technology used for this system is new and exciting,
the vendor is so new in the field that the risk involved for
WSUL and DALNET would be very great. The vendor does not seem to
be established enough yet for us to contract with them for such
a large installation.

2. Compliance with specifications (Sections 3-9) of the RFP:

The responses of the vendor were over 85% "yes," "yes/d" or
"yes/f," with significant portions of the software to be
available at dates throughout 1985.

Adlib proposes a database split among three Ultimate E-2
processors housed in a central site. Over five years, up to 18
disk drives would be required for WSUL and DALNET.

	Section	Yes	Yes/d *different*	Yes/f *feature*	No	Cust	Clar
3.	OPAC	256	13	48	6	7	0
4.	CIRC	514	6	88	12	9	0
5.	ACQ	584	5	29	6	8	0
6.	SERIALS	0	8	315	2	4	2
7.	Hardware	122	2	0	4	0	0
8.	Software	58	4	1	2	2	2
9.	Training	45	0	0	1	0	0
	Totals	1579	38	481	33	30	4

3. Total cost over 5 years:

    This was the second highest bid received. Omitted from the bid
    were ALA terminals for all libraries except WSUL, and
    peripherals were for all the hospitals, i.e., printers and
    scanners.

    This system would require a computer room manager and operators
    but not programmers or analysts on staff.

    The computer room would have to be fairly large to accommodate
    three cpu's and 18 disk drives, plus other equipment.

4. Vendors reliability:

    The company has been in business only 15 months and is still
    installing their first customer - the University of Hawaii. No
    financial statements were sent. Bruce Park is highly regarded as
    the "brains" behind this system.

5. Delivery and installation schedule:

    It is unknown whether our requirements could be met since there
    is no real evidence yet from other sites.

6. Software development required:

    A lot of software would need to be developed, including:
    authority control, some access points to the online catalog;
    booking and interlibrary loan capabilities; parts of the
    acquisitions subsystem; and all of the serials subsystem. It was
    difficult to evaluate what was actually available now, in spite
    of the "yes" answers, and whether the vendor could meet the 1984
    dates targeted.

7. System's realiability and performance:

    It is unknown since their "beta" site is not yet operational.
    The Ultimate E-2's are based on Honeywell processors which have
    a good "track record." Honeywell maintenance is available
    locally.

8. Expandability:

    The hardware configuration proposed seems minimal, especially
    since ports on each processor have to be dedicated to handling
    requests from "non-native" crt's.

9. Flexibility:

    There is flexibility with the database divided among three
    cpu's. The processors can also function as backup for one
    another. The PICK operating system is supposed to be easy to use
    and transferable among various hardware options.

10. Ability to link to local computing networks:

    The proposal indicates a link can be made to an IBM system.

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