



October 21, 2026

Subject: Request for Proposals—Integrated Library System, Discovery Experience, and Mobile Solution

Dear Library Technology Partner,

The Viking Library System (VLS) invites your organization to submit a proposal in response to our Integrated Library System, Discovery and Mobile Experience Request for Proposals (RFP), attached to this email.

VLS is one of Minnesota's twelve regional public library systems, serving eleven independently governed public libraries and a bookmobile across a six-county region in west central Minnesota. As a federated library consortium, we seek a modern, hosted solution that supports centralized administration while preserving the flexibility, autonomy, and local control required by our member libraries.

Through this procurement, VLS is seeking proposals for a complete, production-ready Integrated Library System (ILS), patron discovery experience, and mobile solution. Vendors may propose native products, third-party solutions, or a combination of both, provided the proposed solution delivers a seamless experience for library staff and patrons and includes implementation, migration, training, and ongoing support services.

Key objectives of this project include:

- Supporting a federated consortium environment with centralized administration and delegated local management.
- Providing a modern, web-based staff experience and intuitive patron-facing discovery platform.
- Supporting mobile access and engagement for library users.
- Maintaining integration with statewide and third-party library services.
- Successfully migrating data, workflows, and operations from our current SirsiDynix Horizon environment.

The complete RFP outlines detailed requirements, evaluation criteria, implementation expectations, and proposal instructions. Of particular importance, respondents should carefully review requirements related to consortium administration, discovery services, mobile functionality, data migration, accessibility, cybersecurity, reporting, bookmobile operations, and support services.

Procurement Schedule

- RFP Release Date: October 21, 2026
- Deadline for Vendor Questions: November 20, 2026
- Responses to Questions Posted: December 9, 2026
- Proposal Due Date: January 8, 2027, at 5:00 p.m. CST
- Contract Award Anticipated: March 2027
- Target Go-Live: January 11, 2028

We encourage vendors to review the RFP thoroughly and submit a proposal that demonstrates not only technical capabilities, but also a clear understanding of consortium operations, migration planning, implementation support, and long-term partnership.

Questions regarding the RFP should be directed to:

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Proposals must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. CST on January 8, 2027**. Proposals may be submitted via email or hard copy as described in the RFP. All proposal submissions shall be directed to:

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Proposals should clearly identify the respondent's name and reference the project title:

Integrated Library System, Discovery and Mobile Experience RFP.

VLS appreciates your interest in partnering with our libraries. We look forward to reviewing your proposal and learning how your organization can help advance library services for our member libraries and the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

Erin Smith, Director