

Minnesota Senate Audio System Evaluation

RFP: Questions and Answers

Question 1: Does the audio system incorporate the Crestron video system?

Response 1: This is limited to the audio system and the Crestron control.

Question 2: Is the Senate planning to keep the microphones and switches currently in place and only replace the audio controls in the closets?

Response 2: Yes.

Question 3: What is the timeline for this project?

Response 3: The anticipated timeline is to have an assessment of options for the Senate to consider when setting its future funding needs during the 2025 Legislative Session. If additional funding is required, the soonest funds would likely be available is July 2025.

Question 4: What are the implications of the State Office Building Renovation on this project?

Response 4: The House will be utilizing Senate hearing rooms in the Capitol during the 2025 and 2026 sessions while the State Office Building is being renovated. This may have implications on the timeline for a future project that would replace or upgrade the current Senate audio system.

Question 5: Should options considered for the audio system also include the level of support that would be provided with each option?

Response 5: Yes, the Senate is interested in understanding the level of support, including training, and associated costs such as warranties or maintenance that would be provided with each option developed. Tax costs should also be considered.

Question 6: Does this project include the development of an RFP for a future equipment purchase and implementation project.

Response 6: This current RFP does not include the development of a future RFP; however, information gained through this project may be used in the development of a future RFP.

Question 7: Will this project include hybrid capabilities such as incorporating Zoom or other video technologies?

Response 7: This project is limited to the audio system only.

Question 8: Are there any other agencies that may need to be involved?

Response 8: The primary customer will be the Minnesota Senate. It is possible that other agencies may need to be involved in the project. If that is the case, the Senate will assist in any coordination necessary.

Question 9: Could the project be implemented in phases?

Response 9: It is possible that the Senate Chamber and Capitol room 15 could be implemented first. This will have to be assessed during the project to determine if a phased approach is feasible.

Question 10: Please clarify how accessibility standards apply to this project?

Response 10: The Legislature is required to comply with the state's digital accessibility standards in October 2024. This is directly related to content that is being placed on the Legislature's website to ensure that individuals who may be using assistive technology are able to access information. It also includes the ability for employees to access information necessary to perform their work. All RFPs published by the LCC will include language related to compliance with accessibility standards. Specific examples in the case of this RFP may include but are not limited to consideration of such access to user manuals and system support, as well as accessibility of audio in the Senate Chamber or committee rooms.