



DATABASE VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE BC SOCIETY OF TRANSITION HOUSES

PRODUCT & VENDOR INFORMATION	DETAILS
Name of Database Product & Name of Vendor	
In case we have follow-up questions, please provide representative contact details:	Name & Title:
	Phone:
	Email:
Date Questionnaire Completed (mm/dd/yyyy)	
What country are you located in?	Product:
	Vendor:
Is this product available in Canadian provinces and	☐ Yes ☐ No
territories?	If "Yes" please check the relevant Canadian Provinces
	and Territories:
	☐ Alberta
	☐ British Columbia
	☐ Manitoba
	☐ New Brunswick
	☐ Newfoundland and Labrador
	☐ Northwest Territories
	☐ Nova Scotia
	☐ Nunavut
	☐ Ontario
	☐ Prince Edward Island
	☐ Quebec
	☐ Saskatchewan
	☐ Yukon





Please provide us with information about your product and fill in your responses to the best of your ability. Some of the questions ask for Yes/No answers, text answers and in some circumstances both. The questionnaire refers to "organization/s" as being the client/s accessing your product. Thank you for your cooperation and time.

GENERAL FEATURES	ANSWERS
Is your system "user friendly"?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please describe the features that make the system "user friendly."
Is the individual user interface customizable?	Yes No If "Yes", please describe the customizable features (e.g. fontsize, color, etc.)
How long does it take an average user to complete a new client profile?	
Does the system check for duplicated clients?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can additional data be entered into the record once the client profile is created?	☐ Yes ☐ No





separate from a client's record?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", can the temporary "shift change notes" be routinely destroyed in a short time-frame such as a digital post-it?
Can the paper files be replaced with notes and narratives with the digital system?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", can the narrative notes be automatically purged at a set time?
Does the system allow attachment of scanned documents?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes," can the scanned documents be automatically purged at a set time after a client is no longer accessing the program?
How many individuals /Login User Id's can use the system at the same time?	
Is this a "cloud- based" storage system	☐ Yes ☐ No





CUSTOMIZATION	ANSWERS
Can the organization edit items in the drop down lists?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the organization set which fields are required?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the organization add fields?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the organization hide fields?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the organization completely remove fields?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the organization change the text of fields?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the organization change the <u>labels</u> of fields?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are there other customization features available to the organization?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please describe:
PRIVACY AND SAFETY	TEXT ANSWERS
Can data be retrieved for a single client?	☐ Yes ☐ No





Does the vendor notify the organization of subpoenas, warrants, law enforcement requests or any civil or administrative request for data or records?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", when is notice given?
	If "Yes", how is the notice given?
Does the vendor give the organization an opportunity to resist disclosure before the vendor responds to subpoenas, warrants, law enforcement requests or any civil or administrative request for data or records?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor itself resist the disclosure of organization data or records containing personally identifiable information stored by the organization?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", how?
Does the vendor retain discretion to disclose organization data or records to third parties' requests?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", in what circumstances?





	If "Yes", how does the vendor inform the organization of this discretion?
Does the vendor agree to be bound by the same duty of professional and legal confidentiality obligations as the organization they are providing the product to?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please describe how this formalized in the contract for services:
Does the vendor have a written policy about the vendor's and company's response to domestic subpoenas, warrants, law enforcement requests or any civil or administrative requests for organization data or records?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", does the vendor share a copy of this policy with the organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", can the vendor please share a copy of that policy with BCSTH by emailing it to rhiannon@bcsth.ca or provide a link here to the policy.
Does the vendor have a written policy about the vendor's and company's response to foreign subpoenas, warrants, law enforcement or any civil or administrative requests for organization data or records?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", does the vendor share a copy of this policy with the organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", can the vendor please share a copy of that policy with BCSTH by emailing it to rhiannon@bcsth.ca or provide a link here to the policy.





Is organization data available to the vendor in an unencrypted format?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Is organization data available to the vendor in an encrypted format?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If organization data is encrypted, who is the responsible for the encryption key management?	☐ Vendor ☐ Organization ☐ Both vendor and organization Please provide details:
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	ANSWERS
Is technical support available for the organization?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please describe:
Will the vendor's technical support install software for the organization?	☐ Yes ☐ No
How many technical support staff does the vendor have?	☐ 1 ☐ 2-5 ☐ 5-10 ☐ More than 10
What are the hours the vendor technical support staff are available?	Check all that apply: 24 hours a day Office hours e.g. 9am-5pm Evenings Weekends Other:









OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL	ANSWERS
Does organization own the data inputted into the database?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Who has physical custody of data? Please check all that	☐ Vendor
apply.	☐ Organization
	☐ 3 rd party contractors in Canada
	☐ 3 rd party contractors outside of Canada
	☐ Cloud-cased storage
Who owns the hardware used to store the data? Please	☐ Vendor
check all that apply.	☐ Organization
	☐ 3 rd party contractors in Canada
	\square 3 rd party contractors outside of Canada
Upon termination of the business relationship	☐ Yes ☐ No
between the organization and the vendor, can the	
organization determine where their data goes?	
REPORTS	ANSWERS
REPORTS Can data reports be exported to Word?	ANSWERS ☐ Yes ☐ No
Can data reports be exported to Word? Can data reports be exported to Excel? Can data reports be exported into other reports for	☐ Yes ☐ No
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extract only certain data?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are there other report features to highlight?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please provide details:
ACCESS TO DATA	ANSWERS
Who creates log-ins? Does each individual user create their own log-in password?	☐ Organization staff ☐ Vendor ☐ Both organization staff and vendor ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No", please provide details:
Must all users have passwords?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the database require two-factor authentication to log into the database?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the database require two-factor authentication to access records in the database?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are all data entries tracked back to a user?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the vendor set up a system so that access to information can be restricted to certain users?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please describe details:





Can the vendor control who can <u>edit</u> each type of data? Can the vendor control who can <u>delete</u> each type of data? Can the vendor control who can <u>view</u> each type of data? Can the vendor control who can <u>view</u> each type of data? Do staff of the vendor have access to the data in readable form? Does the vendor's system give any party/parties outside of the organization staff access to the organization data? Please indicate the companies whose staff can access the servers on which organization data is stored. Check all that apply. Please indicate the companies whose staff can access the servers on which organization data is stored. Check all that apply: Does the vendor maintain a list of the names of all individuals physically or remotely that have access to the server/s, where organization data is stored? Is an internet connection necessary to access the organization's data? Is the vendor willing to enter into any service level agreements with the organization?	Can the vendor control who can <u>create</u> each type of data?	☐ Yes ☐ No
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DATA STORAGE	ANSWERS
Does data stored on the server belong to the organization?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are backup systems included or are they available?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Is data stored on a dedicated server belonging to the vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Is data stored on various servers as chosen by the vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please provide details:
Does the vendor outsource data storage to third	☐ Yes ☐ No
party/ies?	If "Yes", please provide details as to whom:
Does the vendor require an external datacenter to comply with terms of its contract with the agency?	☐ Yes ☐ No
In which jurisdictions is data stored? Please list all:	Country(ies):
	Canadian Provinces and/or Territories:
	US State/s:
	Others:





Can organizations choose or exclude storage in certain	☐ Yes ☐ No
jurisdictions?	If "Yes", please provide details":
Is the organization's data on the same server as data	☐ Yes ☐ No
from other organizations, agencies or companies?	If "Yes", please provide details:
Are servers physically secured 24/7?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	If "Yes or No", please provide details of security measures:
	incasares.
Does the location/s housing the servers/s have	☐ Yes ☐ No
emergency power backup for at least 3 days?	
Does the location/s housing the server/s have	☐ Yes ☐ No
"redundant internet connections"? What is the vendor's backup procedure?	
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Can data be imported from an older system?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the organization import the data itself without	
contacting the vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "No". please provide details:
	Ito i picase provide details.





Can data be exported for the organization to another data storage system?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can the organization export all of its data to another data storage system by itself without contacting the vendor?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If the organization exports all its data, is it in a common format?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", which format?
Are there limits on the number of records the system can handle?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", what is the limit?
Does your system have other data storage features to highlight? If so please provide details.	
SECURITY PRACTICES	ANSWERS
Does the vendor have a dedicated security team?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", how many staff are on the team? ☐ 1 ☐ 2-5 ☐ 5-10 ☐ More than 10





Does the vendor implement standard security systems such as file integrity monitoring software?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor implement standard security systems such as intrusion detection systems?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor implement standard security systems such as anti-virus or anti-malware?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor implement standard security systems such as host-based or centralized firewalls?	☐ Yes ☐ No
In order to determine security gaps, does the vendor perform penetration testing?	☐ Yes ☐ No
In order to determine security gaps, does the vendor perform regular vulnerability assessments?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes" how regularly are vulnerability assessments conducted? ☐ Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Bi-annually ☐ Annually Other:
Does the vendor incorporate security in your software development lifecycle, specifically threat modeling?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor incorporate security in your software development lifecycle, specifically security code reviews (OWASP code review top 9)?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor incorporate security in your software development lifecycle, specifically independent audits?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor operate any systems or software that is outdated and no longer gets security updates from their respective vendors?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please provide details:





Does the vendor follow security notices and CVEs?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor apply security updates on your	☐ Yes ☐ No
infrastructure in a timely manner?	If "Yes", please define "timely".
What kind of physical security measures do you	
implement for access control?	
What kind of physical security measures do you	
implement for sign-in process for visitors?	
What kind of physical security measures do you	
implement for facilities' monitoring?	
Does the vendor perform regular system logs audits looking for unusual events?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor perform regular system logs audits looking for failed access attempts?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor review accounts and access permissions on a regular basis?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor delete or decommission unnecessary	☐ Yes ☐ No
accounts or systems?	If Yes, please provide further detail.
Does the vendor use encryption for data at rest?	☐ Yes ☐ No





boes the vendor use encryption for data in transit?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor have a document describing which encryption and authentication methods are implemented in your infrastructure?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes," does the vendor share a copy of this document with the organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", can the vendor please share a copy of this document with BCSTH by emailing it to rhiannon@bcsth.ca or provide a link here to the policy.
Does the vendor store passwords in clear-text?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor hold a copy of the encryption keys?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor have the capability to decrypt an organization's data?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If using a third party company to host the infrastructure, does the third party have access to decryption keys?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If using a third party company to host the infrastructure, does the third party have access to unencrypted data?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor default to HTTPS for every web connection?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor encrypt data backups?	☐ Yes ☐ No
HOSTING	ANSWERS
What kind of infrastructure is used to host applications and data?	





Does the vendor manage their own infrastructure?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "No, "is the infrastructure hosted with a third party or cloud provider such as AWS, Google Cloud, etc.? Please provide details:
If the system is self-hosted	is it a multi-tenant infrastructure? \square Yes \square No
	how do you segregate data from other tenants and ensure access control?
	is the infrastructure hosted in its own datacenter, or in a secure cage in a shared datacenter?
	where are the data centers located? Please list all: Countries:
	Canadian Provinces and/or Territories:
	US State/s:
	Others:
Is the system built using a third party company	☐ Yes ☐ No





Does the vendor have a formal change control process?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes" please specify:
Are your systems built, configured, and deployed using modern processes and technologies such as version control?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are your systems built, configured, and deployed using modern processes and technologies such as continuous delivery and deployment?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Are your systems built, configured, and deployed using modern processes and technologies such as infrastructure as code or configuration management?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor's infrastructure design include network segregation?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor use a DMZ to separate the public facing web servers and the database servers?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor's infrastructure design include high availability and redundancy?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor have a disaster recovery plan?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes" please provide details and when it was last tested:
Have you implemented monitoring and alerting systems for your infrastructure?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", how do you monitor?





	How frequently do you monitor? weekly fortnightly monthly quarterly bi-annually annually Other:
What is your backup system?	
How frequently is your infrastructure backed up by your back up system?	☐ daily ☐ weekly ☐ fortnightly ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ bi-annually ☐ annually Other:
Is your backup system on-site or off-site?	☐ Yes ☐ No If your backup system is offsite, please provide details as to location.





CUSTOMER-PROVIDER RELATIONSHIP	ANSWERS
Does the vendor offer service-level agreements (SLA) to guarantee the quality of the service?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", does the vendor share a copy of the SLA with the organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", can the vendor please share a copy of the SLA with BCSTH by emailing it to rhiannon@bcsth.ca or provide a link here to the policy.
Does the vendor offer service-level agreements (SLA) to guarantee the availability of the service?	☐ Yes ☐ No
How often do you plan	downtime for service upgrades?downtime for applying patches?
How do you notify customers regarding	<u>scheduled</u> downtime?
	<u>unscheduled</u> downtime?
Does the vendor have a service status page?	☐ Yes ☐ No
How can organizations contact you in case of outage or other service disruption?	





Do you have a web-based ticketing system?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Can you describe your organization support escalation procedures?	
How does the vendor notify organizations when changing the company's	<u>security</u> polices?
	<u>privacy</u> policies?
How does the vendor notify organizations in cases of	security incidents?
	data breaches?
Has your company had a data breach in the past?	Yes No If "Yes", What measures were taken to respond to the data breach?





	What measures were taken to prevent data breaches going forward?
COMPANY & CONTRACT	ANSWERS
How long has your company been in operation as a business?	☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1-10 years ☐ More than 10 years
Will the vendor provide references from similar organizations, agencies, companies that are located in Canada that currently use the vendor's product?	☐ Yes ☐ No
What is the company's procedure for protecting organization's data if the vendor ceases to operate as business?	
What is the company's procedure for returning data to the organization if the vendor ceases to operate as a business?	
Does the vendor's standard contract disclaim any warranties related to provision of database and data storage services?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", what are the disclaimed warranties?
Does the vendor's contract limit liability for breach of contract?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", what are the liability limitations?





clause?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", what is the choice?
Does the vendor make any formal assurances concerning the security of data which the vendor either retains?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor make any formal assurances concerning the security of data which the vendor processes?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor's standard contract retain the right to change the terms of the contract without advance agreements from both parties to the contract?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the vendor have written privacy policies?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", does the vendor share a copy of this policy with the organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", can the vendor please share a copy of this policy with BCSTH by emailing it to rhiannon@bcsth.ca or provide a link here to the policy.
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Please describe what organization activities are logged by the vendor?	
Does the vendor have access to the organization activity logs?	☐ Yes ☐ No
How long are the logs maintained by the vendor?	
When an organization deletes data from your system, is the data actually deleted from your	system? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No", please provide details:
	<u>backup</u> system?
	<u>server</u> system? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No", please provide details:
What is the vendor's process for return of organization data in case of service termination?	
Do you disclose any organization data or metadata to partners or other third parties as part of your business practices?	☐ Yes ☐ No If "Yes", please provide details: