FAQ: Answers to Questions about the Louisiana Supreme Court ETL Software Request for Proposals 2015-002

Question: Can you provide a little more background on the overall project and where the ETL fits in? Are there other plans for the BI / Analytic tool on the front end?

Answer: The Louisiana Supreme Court is not seeking proposals for a BI/Analytic tool. It is seeking responses for an ETL tool. The basic requirement is the processing of ASCII and XML files, with particular consideration given to solutions that best answer the feature list provided in the RFP. The database platform is SQL Server. All inquiries and proposals are welcome.

Question: You refer to the files coming into the court from multiply sources - How many multiple data sources are there?

Answer: There isn't a fixed number of sources. At present, approximately 100 sources provide data. Many more sources will be providing data in the future. A tool that can rapidly develop new workflows for new data sources with business-process and data-cleansing sophistication, and that transforms, maps, and warehouses data efficiently, whatever the number of sources, is the principal concern.

Question: Can you let us know how many different target systems there are for you?

Answer: There is principally one target system: SQL Server.

Question: What are the types of data systems / marts you're referring to?

Answer: The priority target is a data warehouse which replicates transactional case management data systems from providers.

Question: Are the source file's format, structure always fairly random or normally more consistent?

Answer: Source data is supposed to conform to specific standards, but in actual practice no source should be considered conforming. Variation may occur due to varying capabilities of providers. The ability of a solution to elegantly handle exceptions is a high priority.