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Addendum 2 for RFP 26-06

This addendum answers questions submitted by potential respondents. The University's answers are shown in **RED**.

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1. What does “fully operational in 90 days” mean — live with all modules, or a phased rollout?
 - a. **Live with all modules. Configuration, model buildout, and training (Requirement #9)**
2. By Day 90, do you expect just system setup, or also user training and adoption?
 - a. **By Day 90, the expectation includes system setup, model buildout, and user training (Requirement #9). Must be sufficient for Finance users to maintain the model independently (Requirement #10)**
3. What source systems need to connect (ERP, HR, student, etc.)?
 - a. **While direct integrations are not required initially, the system must support importing actuals and assumptions via Excel or .csv (Requirement #8). However, if your solution offers a direct connection or API integration with our PeopleSoft can streamline processes, we are open to evaluating that option as well. Please outline both approaches in your proposal, including any implications for setup, maintenance, and security**
4. Are manual uploads acceptable at first, or must integrations be live?
 - a. **Manual uploads are acceptable at first. The system must allow importing via Excel or .csv without reliance on direct API or middleware (Requirement #8)**

5. What planning areas are priority (operating, capital, cash flow)?
 - a. All three — operating, capital, and cash flow — are priority areas and must be supported in a single unified environment within the 90-day timeline (Requirement #6)
6. What level of detail is needed (university, department, program)?
 - a. Detail at the university, department, and possibly program level
7. Is scenario/driver-based modeling required from Day 1?
 - a. Yes. The system must support dynamic multi-year models, scenario layering, and side-by-side comparisons from the start (Requirements #1–4)
8. What reporting formats are must-have at go-live (dashboards, statements, board reports)?
 - a. Visual dashboards (Requirement #14)
 - b. Executive-ready presentations
 - c. Export to excel and PDF (Requirement #15)
9. How many users will need access initially?
 - a. There must be no limit to the number of users (Requirement #16). Please specify user number restrictions in your response.
10. What roles and security requirements are key?
 - a. All requirements marked as "R" should be considered key
 - b. Please see requirement #11 for role based access.
 - c. Compliance Requirements can be seen in #38-42
 - d. Security requirements can be seen in #44-65
11. What internal resources (finance/IT) will support the rollout?
 - a. The system must be maintainable by Finance users without IT support post-implementation (Requirement #10). IT will work alongside Finance to support implementation
12. How do you want training delivered?
 - a. Training must be available via webinar (Requirement #25.3), with optional on-site and off-site formats (Requirements #25.1, #25.2). Vendors should describe their training programs.
13. Any specific hosting, security, or data residency requirements?
 - a. Hosted cloud-based solution required (Requirement #51)
 - b. Data must not be stored or processed outside the U.S. (Requirement #73)
 - c. Must meet state and federal data security standards (Requirement #67)
 - d. Must support secure import/export via SFTP (Requirement #69)
14. Beyond 90 days, what's on your roadmap for expansion?
 - a. Undetermined at this point.