Q1: Regarding Section 4.1:

Based on review of the RFP, we found requirement for FIPS compliance. FIPS compliant hardware is extremely costly and has limited capabilities and selection. Can you confirm whether FIPS compliant hardware is required for this project or if FIPS approved encryption algorithms are sufficient?

Ans: Attachment 20, SSR1, #5 is not relevant to this RFP and should be omitted from required response.

Q2: Regarding Page ii:

Executive Order 177 refers to attachment 2 AND attachment 3. Please confirm what attachment is related to this topic. Also, confirm if this is required in our submission.

Ans: Executive Order 177 certification is not required in a submission. The selected vendor must provide. EO177 is referred to as Attachment 3. Please disregard any EO177 references to Attachment 2.

Q3: Regarding Page ii:

Executive Order 162 states that the selected Consultant must provide workforce utilization reports in accordance with Article 49 in Attachment 1 RFP Draft Contract. Please confirm that Attachment 1 would be required at the time of selection for this managed service, not in the response due on 9/19/2018.

Ans: Executive Order 162 compliance is not required in a submission. The selected vendor must be compliant.

Q4: Regarding System Technology Standards - IT1:

Is the intent of this requirement to describe the network architecture and connectivity to the ITS Data Center where shared services reside to include but are not limited to, Identity Management, API Management, Managed File Transfers, etc.? If not please elaborate.

Ans: Attachment 17, IT1, #3 is noted as (as applicable), therefore since this RFP does not include Enterprise Software there is no required response.
Q5: Regarding System Technology Standards:

This section identifies Attachment 19A which does not appear to be present in the attachments, please provide this Attachment or clarify.

Ans: The reference should be in Attachment 17.

Q6: Regarding Section 3.2.2.1:

This section identifies installation of a business class ISP connection at each field location that is at least 50Mbps down and 5Mbps up. Based on our experience with service providers these speeds are not available in all rural areas. Will exceptions be granted for these?

Ans: Yes – in that case we would expect the best speed available by the ISP provider in the area.