

**The following questions were submitted by prospective candidates for the Core Fixed Income RFP. Questions categorized as “substantially similar” were consolidated in order to provide a single response.**

1. Do you have any directed brokerage requirements?  
There are no brokerage requirements for the core fixed income portfolio.
2. Do you have an IPS we can review?  
The System’s IPS (2 parts: Master & Sub-Policy) is available at the following link:  
<http://www.ok.gov/fprs/RFP/index.html>.
3. Does the System have investment guidelines available, or can some general guidance be provided for permitted investments?  
The guidelines for domestic fixed income portfolios are contained in Section II-D of the Investment Guidelines Sub-Policy.
4. Will the System allow any allocation to opportunistic sectors outside of the BC Aggregate Bond Index (e.g., Emerging markets debt, non-US (Yankee & Brady bonds), US High Yield Credit, etc.)?  
Separate account investments must comply with Section II-D of the Investment Guidelines Sub-Policy.
5. Will you consider Core-Plus strategies or strictly Core strategies?  
The guidelines for the domestic fixed income separately managed portfolio are contained in Section II-D of the Investment Guidelines Sub-Policy. RFP submissions for the core fixed income mandate should substantially comply with these guidelines.
6. Will you give preference to separate accounts or pooled investment vehicles?  
No.
7. If we provide a separate account, will you allow use of pooled vehicles within the separate account to access certain portions of the fixed income market?  
Yes.
8. Can multiple strategies be submitted for the CFI Manager search?  
Yes.
9. Does the System have an out-performance and/or volatility objective target for this active fixed income allocation?  
To exceed the Barclays US Aggregate Bond index over a full market cycle (net of the management fee) with volatility similar to the index.

10. With only a 4.5-year performance track record, will this preclude a firm from moving forward in the search process?  
While a substantial track record is preferred, short-track record candidates will also be evaluated.
11. Should responses be as of 12/31/2013 unless otherwise specified in the document?  
Yes. 12/31/2013 is the preferred reporting period for portfolio characteristic and trailing performance data.
12. For the requested quarterly information, should a column be added into the excel format to insert requested returns, or should returns be provided in a separate excel document?  
Return data would be preferred in a separate excel document.
13. Can you confirm whether or not you are an ERISA plan?  
The System is not an ERISA plan.
14. Can you please clarify whether the obligation to communicate to the Board pertinent changes taking place at the firm only pertains to personnel changes impacting the Investment Manager's employees that are involved with the System's mandate? Or does it pertain to all personnel changes at the Investment Manager? [Re: p. 6, Section VI (B)]  
The communication requirements relates to the employees involved in the System's specific mandate with the manager.
15. Could you please specify or provide the guidelines the System would want an investment manager to follow when voting proxies? [Re: p. 6, Section VI (C)]  
There are currently no additional proxy voting guidelines other than those described in Section VI-C of the Investment Policy.
16. Does the term 'Placement Agent' include a manager's in-house sales personnel?  
Full time sales employees of the investment manager would not be considered placement agents for the purposes of the Investment Policy.
17. In Appendix A, Competitive Bid Standards, item 11, at what stage of the process is this disclosure required?  
Notification would be required once a manager is selected as a finalist candidate.
18. Would an indemnification provision be cause for a proposal to be rejected as non-responsive due to the requirements of the Oklahoma Constitution?  
Investment Manager proposals will not be screened as "non-responsive" due to the requirement of the Oklahoma Constitution. However, mandates awarded by the System are contingent on a successfully negotiated contract with the System's Attorney.