

NMCI Information

The questions below came from Great Lakes, but apply to all. In fact Fort Meade has also inquired on the same issues.

The original Q&As addressing NMCI and QOLMIS/CMS are also attached. This is being sent to all original addressees and will be posted at <http://www.persnet.navy.mil/pers66>.

Question: First, will the "seat costs" be the only costs each FFSC incurs? That is, does the contract provide the actual hardware and software or just the means/process for purchasing them?

Answer: NMCI pays for all hardware and software costs, i.e., to replace what you have now. That is why it is important for you to ensure all your existing requirements get documented during the survey phase in preparation for NMCI Assumption of Responsibility (AOR). If you need any additional software such as e.g., VISIO 2000, justify and request it now before NMCI AOR - that way they have to provide it to you at AOR. I am uncertain about who will pay for new requirements after NMCI AOR - I will research and get back to you. **BOTTOM LINE: You do not have to pay for NMCI to replace your hardware and software.**

Question: Our claimant rep has told me that we will not be purchasing new PCs to replace old ones once this is implemented, and that notion is not made clear in the body of the below email.

Answer: NMCI will be replacing all your PCs. NMCI will own, operate and maintain all hardware and the infrastructure after AOR. Any future purchases connected to the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet, will have to be approved and configured by NMCI.

Question: Second, will we pay the Seat Costs directly to the contractor, or will that be handled elsewhere (i.e., claimant level, PERS, etc.)?

Answer: The Installation has to POM and pay for your Seat costs. It does not come out of your budget. It is our understanding that these costs are common Base Operational Support Costs.

Question: And third, we usually provide a number of computers for the VITA program each year; would we use the NMCI to purchase those also, or would we be able to buy them apart from that, since they would not be connected to the Intranet?

Answer: It is my understanding that if you are not going to be connected to the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet, you do not have to purchase them from NMCI. However, if you should ever want them to be connected to NMCI in the future, you would not be able to do so, unless, they would meet the specifications required by NMCI as a Hybrid Seat (Clin 0005). The Hybrid Seat would cost \$208.00 per month. With this scenario you would maintain the hardware and NMCI provides access services.

If you think you may at some time want to connect these PCs to NMCI, than you will want to purchase them from NMCI. You may purchase seats from NMCI whenever you want. However, if if you purchas seats from NMCI for this purpose (guests), they would require a generic account (Guest # 1 ...). If you want regular Internet connection, you or the installation would have to pay dial-in capability costs.

However you may want to do this, you need to work with your local NMCI/ISF (Information Strike Force) Representative.

Question: What is the latest status on the QOLMIS/CMS Conversion and Web-enabling initiative?

Answer: The Operational Requirements Document has been completed and will be forwarded to GSA. GSA will award contract projected to start in late August 2001.