

Question	Response
Is NMSIC looking for a manager who moves dynamically across the outlined sectors?	This will be determined at a later stage of the process.
Does NMSIC intend to provide minimum and maximum limits on how much can be allocated to any one sector?	This will be determined at a later stage of the process.
Does NMSIC seek to have a purely sub-IG Credit portfolio or is IG exposure desired / allowable based on the manager's market outlook?	IG exposure is allowable.
Would NMSIC consider a customized version of a high yield strategy which incorporates larger weights to out of benchmark securities?	The preference will be to review non-customized strategies which meet the parameters of the search.
What is the preferred benchmark for this search?	Managers should provide materials and requested data using the preferred benchmark of the strategy submitted.
Our fixed income strategies do not use soft dollars, but we weren't clear on what the 'impose fees' reference is referring to. Would you please clarify the statement?	Contractor should not charge fees to offset any costs of soft dollar arrangements.
Within the Data Request, for tabs "3-Sector Alloc (%)", "4-Sector Dur (yrs)", and "5-Sector Attribution", would NMSIC prefer we add additional rows where relevant (e.g. CLO mezzanine tranche exposure) or include in existing "Other" buckets and footnote the contents of "Other" accordingly?	Please allocate to the Other column and footnote the exposure.
Will the search consider Funds which invest in both public and private credit?	No
Is there a preference for a US or Global focused strategy?	This is intended to be a US focused mandate.
What is your measure of success for this strategy (i.e. absolute return, relative return, etc.) and what is your assumed time horizon?	Benchmarking will be discussed at a later stage of the process.
Our proposed strategy is not benchmarked. Do we need to provide a reference benchmark despite this?	Yes. Please use a reference benchmark viewed as suitable.
How do you intend to compare multi-asset credit mandates on performance (given the variations in composition and strategy approach of managers and over time)?	This will be addressed during the evaluation process.
Do you have any guideline expectations for the portfolio? (e.g. issuer, sector, asset class concentration, other relevant parameters, etc.)	This will be determined at a later stage of the process.
Would a predominantly European focused mandate be appropriate for this search?	No, this is intended to be US focused.
Can more be shared on the reconciliation process with the custodial bank and SIC staff or other GP needs?	This process can be further defined during the finals due diligence process.
Will SIC appoint its own fund administrator or it will be appointed by manager?	Appointed by manager.
Regarding RFP# 24-337-0016, page 3, #10: Do the deliverables need to be completed by BD 4 or is there flexibility to extend the deadline?	No flexibility.
Regarding RFP# 24-337-0016, page 3, #10: Could you please share more details on what is expected within the performance analysis and portfolio characteristic report?	Not at this stage.
Question RFP# 24-337-0016, page 5, #7: Could you please confirm if a client's co-investment separate account can be combined with their commingled funds' exposure to meet the criteria for >\$200mm in AUM?	No co-invest. This is intended to be a liquid portfolio. Minimum qualifications will be applied as written.
Question RFP# 24-337-0016, page B-10, item H.3.a: In Tab 1 of the Data Request spreadsheet, is the expectation to list these client names, or is it acceptable to confirm this criteria is met and we will share client names at a more advanced stage of diligence?	Acceptable to confirm criteria is met in the initial stage. Greater detail can be shared at a more advanced stage of the RFP process.
In Tab 5 of the Data Request spreadsheet, is the model portfolio referenced the representative account's average (or ending) exposure in the year listed?	Average.
Can we consolidate our proposal under one cover for the two versions of the same strategy?	Yes
Is a multi-asset credit strategy that emphasizes high yield, bank loans, and investment grade corporate bonds viewed as being diversified enough on a sector basis?	Yes
Is there a duration range for the strategy?	The manager should specify preferred characteristics, retrain targets and risk specifications for the strategy presented.
Is there a targeted volatility or tracking error for the strategy?	The manager should specify preferred characteristics, retrain targets and risk specifications for the strategy presented.
Is there a target return for the strategy?	The manager should specify preferred characteristics, retrain targets and risk specifications for the strategy presented.
Would it be possible to send a version of the RFP in MS Word	No
Will the mandate permit the use of derivatives, including exchange-traded and OTC instruments?	Yes
Regard MQ 7, can the large separate accounts include non-US clients?	Yes
Do you consider sub-advised accounts as separate accounts if the client has no investment discretion?	Yes
In question 6 and 7, you ask for the names of the clients referenced in the minimum qualifications. For certain clients, we can verify tax exempt status, their state of domicile, and the size of their investment with us. Is that acceptable?	Yes, at this stage. However, greater detail may be required in later stages of the RFP process.
Are there targets, preferred min/max or expected ranges for the mandate's duration, credit quality, sector allocation and country exposure?	The manager should specify preferred characteristics, return targets and risk specifications for the strategy presented.
What are alpha expectations for this mandate?	The manager should specify preferred characteristics, return targets and risk specifications for the strategy presented.
Will mandate guidelines include all credit sectors, including corporate, securitized, and Emerging Market Debt?	The manager should specify preferred characteristics, return targets and risk specifications for the strategy presented.

Will the inflows/outflows of \$10- to \$25-million be a regular monthly occurrence? Under what circumstances would inflows/outflows as large as \$100- to \$200-million occur and what would the expectation be for when cash must be made available and settled after notice is given?	This is intended to be a liquid strategy.
Under what circumstances would you draw down the investment to \$100 million or increase the investment to \$2 billion? Over how long of a period might such a change be expected to occur?	The manager should specify preferred characteristics, return targets and risk specifications for the strategy presented.
Our firm does not have five US tax-exempt clients with \$5 billion or more in total assets, but significant business outside of the US.	Any proposal that does not meet the minimum qualifications by the stated deadlines noted in Section VII (A) 4 and subject to change will be rejected.
Can you please clarify if there is a preference for quarterly, monthly, or daily liquidity?	Daily liquidity
Given our ability to create custom separate account solutions, can you please clarify if there is a certain return profile your client is targeting?	The manager should specify preferred characteristics, return targets and risk specifications for the strategy presented.
Will the Investment Guidelines be provided as noted in the RFP, or are they available online?	Investment guidelines will be addressed at a later stage of the process.
Can a manager submit multiple submissions for different strategies?	Yes
If the proposed strategy is a mix of standalone sector strategies, how should this be presented in the spreadsheet?	On a separate individual and blended basis.
Could you please provide clarification on the scope of Section X(e) in Appendix E, New Mexico State Investment Office Standard Contract? Would this apply to any political committees/PACs, or would it be limited to the NM office, similar to Section X(d) directly above? Additionally, the term "covered associate" is not a defined term. Can you please clarify who this would include in scope?	<p>Section X(e) in Appendix E contains the Contractor's representation that for the specified time period, neither it nor any of its "covered associates" has made any contribution "to a political action committee or other political committee or other entity that is intended to aid or promote the nomination or election of any council member to a political office." Thus, this representation applies to any political action committee, other political committee or other entity intended to aid or promote the nomination or election of any State Investment Council member to a political office. (There could be some overlap between the representations in Section X(d) and X(e), since Section X(d) includes a representation pertinent to contributions to political action committees or other political committees or other entities making contributions to the named elected, ex-officio State Investment Council members. (Please note Section X(d) also applies with respect to any candidates for the offices of Governor, Treasurer or Land Commissioner of the State of New Mexico.))</p> <p>In response to the second question, "covered associate" is defined under rules issued pursuant to the Investment Advisers Act as follows:</p> <p>(2) Covered associate of an investment adviser means:</p> <p>(i) any general partner, managing member or executive officer, or other individual with a similar status or function;</p> <p>(ii) any employee who solicits a government entity for the investment adviser and any person who supervises, directly or indirectly, such employee; and</p>
Would NMSIC remove sensitive information and are we able to mark items for redaction?	Yes, but please note that NMSIC is a public entity subject to public records requests.
We are in the process of becoming GIPS compliant. Would a bridge letter provided by our GIPS consultant be acceptable in order to meet the noted minimum qualification requirement?	Yes
Is there any flexibility to consider track records that are not GIPS compliant?	No
Will strategies that allow minor allocations to non-credit fixed income sectors (i.e. Agency MBS) be considered?	Yes
Would classification within an eInvestment universe other than the Multi-Asset Credit impact the evaluation of a submission?	Any submitted strategy should meet the requirements and desired traits stated in the search, regardless of peer group classification.
Can total teal assets be used to qualify for the asset requirement for search if the strategy assets do not meet the threshold?	No
Are we allowed to use references not based in the US?	No
Are we allowed to use references not invested in the submitted strategy?	No
Are we allowed to use references for clients that fall below the \$5 billion threshold?	No
Are only separate accounts being considered for this search or are commingled vehicles also an option?	Only Separate Accounts
Would the below require the manager to manage a separate account for an opportunistic investment or a sleeve within the submitted strategy?	All investments should be encapsulated within an SMA.
Advise the SIC and/or SIO staff when specific segments of the fixed income markets are particularly attractive and as necessary, prudently manage an opportunistic portfolio in those segments.	