

Boston Retirement System

Venture Debt

Request for Proposals

The Boston Retirement System (the "System") is soliciting proposals from investment management firms to manage a venture debt mandate for the System's \$6.4 billion, defined benefit, pension fund. This search will be focused on private venture debt funds only. The System anticipates committing up to ~\$20 million to a venture debt fund(s) for this search.

To qualify for this search, candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Candidates must have familiarity with and agree to comply with Massachusetts G.L. Chapter 32 and Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011. Additionally, candidates must have familiarity and agree to comply with the reporting and investment guidelines administered by PERAC.
2. Candidates must be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or with the Secretary of State where the firm is domiciled.
3. Candidates must be raising a closed-end, private venture debt fund.
4. Preference will be given to candidates that have raised at least two prior venture lending funds, however, this is subject to the Board's discretion.
5. The final close date of the proposed fund must be no earlier than September 20, 2023.
6. It is preferred that the proposed fund is raising at least \$150 million, however, lower amounts may be considered at the Board's discretion.

Boston Retirement System is bound by both Massachusetts Open Meeting Law and the Massachusetts Public Records Law. All materials submitted in connection with this search may be subject to disclosure consistent with Massachusetts Public Records Law.

To access the RFP, please visit www.nepc.com/institutional/investment-managers/.

Your submission must include the following items:

- Completed RFI word document
- Completed 'Data Request – Fund & Deal Level' excel
- Completed PERAC forms (4)

All questions should be directed to the following email address (no phone calls please). **Proposals must be submitted to BostonSearch@nepc.com by 3:00 pm EDT on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.** Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered.

Any response that is not completed according to the enclosed instructions will be rejected. The Board reserves the right to cancel or reject in whole or part any or all proposals in the best interest of the System. Thank you in advance for your participation in this search.