

Question 1. Please clarify whether an Offeror can bid for individual components of the assignment (e.g. for Application Security Engineering component, Security Operations Center (SOC) Analysis component, etc.) or the project implies one implementor only?

Response: As indicated in the RFP, the offeror may bid for an individual or combination of components (areas of expertise) outlined in the statement of work.

Question 2. Please clarify the expected nature of the engagement: whether during the engagement, **outstaffing** of the SOC personnel and functions is expected, or the engagement is rather a **consulting engagement**, encompassing diagnostics, recommendations, knowledge training/sharing phases?

Response: Based on the specifics of the statement of work (description of areas of expertise and outputs), either approach or a combination of both can be proposed by the offeror. The offeror is reminded to clearly outline security and transparency measures, particularly if proposing an approach including outsourcing as a component.

Question 3. In case the outstaffing of the SOC personnel is expected, please specify the number of FTEs needed and expected mode of the team (i.e. 8x5, 24x7 etc.)

Response: Based on your experience, and the specific expertise and requirements requested in the RFP, please propose the best mode (either 8x5 or 24x7) and indicate why that level of effort or mode would be the best solution.

Question 4. Please clarify whether an Offeror can involve expertise from other offices of the EU and the USA for the delivery of the project.

Response: The offeror must limit their expertise to Ukrainian citizens, due to security sensitivities of the beneficiary.

Question 5. Please clarify whether any specific licenses are required to conduct work.

Response: No specific licenses are required from the solicitation, though it is encouraged to outline licenses that offeror plans to use to carry out requested services.

Question 6. The RFP refers to the Firm Fixed Price Subcontract template, which must be provided provided in Attachment I to the RFP, however, the RFP itself contains no Attachment I. Whereas the bidder is required to provide an agreement with the terms and conditions of the contract, could you please provide such a contract to all potential bidders?

Response: This reference was mistakenly included. A draft subcontract will be prepared following the review of proposals and selection of offeror(s) and shared with selected service providers for review and finalization at that stage.

Question 7. Is there any fixed budget for the assignment? If yes, can you disclose the budget cap?

Response: The offeror should propose a fixed ceiling based on the level of effort, labor, and other costs deemed necessary to respond to the statement of work. The proposed cost breakdown will be assessed for reasonability against market data.