

**CRDF GLOBAL**  
**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**  
**Subject Matter Experts on Counter-proliferation Finance**

**RFI Go live Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020**  
**Updated Deadline: Friday, December 4, 2020, 5:00 PM EST**

**Summary:**

CRDF Global is seeking Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with experience developing and delivering instruction and training on best practices to combat the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

**Scope of Work:**

The Subject Matter Expert would build, tailor, and deploy curricula for government and non-governmental audiences around the world, both in person and via online methods such as live or recorded webinars.

**Contractor Requirements:**

- The Subject Matter Expert will have experience developing and delivering trainings on Counterproliferation Financing (CPF), including a deep understanding of multilateral and unilateral financial sanctions, including relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.
- Subject Matter Expert will have knowledge of how state actors—notably DPRK and Iran—seek to circumvent these sanctions regimes and be able to train to specific case studies highlighting the threats and risks posed to the necessary audiences.
- Contractor must have experience working with:
  - Public sector stakeholders, such as financial and non-financial supervisors, customs, export and trade control / licensing, law enforcement and intelligence authorities, financial intelligence units (FIUs), as well as other government departments or agencies responsible for sanctions implementation.

and/or

  - Private sector stakeholders, such as could include banks, MVTs institutions, cryptocurrency exchanges, insurance companies, trust and company service providers, lawyers, non-profit organizations, or trading companies.

**Preferred Experience:**

- A strong candidate for this work will be able to engage training audiences with presentations and leave-behind materials as well as led interactive tabletop exercises and hands-on demonstrations of counterproliferation finance tools and best practices.

- Experience working with these stakeholders in Southeast Asia, Africa, the Middle East, or Latin America will be valuable to our program as well.
- A strong candidate would have the ability to train in multiple languages as needed.

**Submission Requirements:**

Each submission must include:

- Statement of Interest and Technical Capabilities
- Proposed labor rate
- CV(s)
- List of recent Private and US Government experience in counterproliferation financing
- Applicable minimum 3 references related to past performance
- Any Small or Disadvantaged Business Designations (Veteran Owned, HUB Zone, Women Owned, Disadvantaged Businesses)

**Contractor Selection Criteria:**

CRDF Global will select the contractor that provides the best value in terms of overall price and experience. The contractor should have proven experience working in the Counterproliferation Financing field.

**Submission:**

Submissions should be submitted to [procurement@crdfglobal.org](mailto:procurement@crdfglobal.org) & [dsarma@crdfglobal.org](mailto:dsarma@crdfglobal.org) no later than **Friday December 4, 2020 by 5:00 PM, EST**. Submissions should be submitted as electronic documents in PDF, Word or Excel format.

**Background:**

Founded in 1995, CRDF Global is an independent nonprofit organization that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration through grants, technical resources, training, and services. Based in Arlington, Virginia with offices in the Eurasia and MENA regions, CRDF Global works with more than 40 countries in the Middle East, North Africa, Eurasia, and Asia. We specialize in bringing isolated scientific communities into the scientific mainstream through a variety of science engagement and capacity-building programs. CRDF Global encourages science cooperation between countries where official relations are strained.

CRDF Global values diversity, equity and inclusion, and is committed to equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran or disabled status.

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**Solicitation Terms & Conditions:**

Right to Select Suppliers. CRDF Global reserves the right to negotiate with and select all qualified suppliers at its own discretion and is not obligated to inform suppliers of the methods used in the selection process. CRDF Global reserves the right to dismiss any and/or all suppliers from the bid process and reject any and/or all proposals.

Obligation. This RFI does not bind nor obligate CRDF Global in any way. CRDF Global makes no representation, either expressed or implied, that it will accept or approve in whole or in part any proposal submitted in response to this RFP. CRDF Global may reward, in whole or in part, the proposal at its sole discretion.

Hold Harmless. By submitting a response to the RFI, bidder agrees that CRDF Global has sole discretion to select any and/or all suppliers. During or following the conclusion of this process, bidders waive their rights to damages whatsoever attributable to the selection process, materials provided, supplier selection, or any communication associated with the RFP process and supplier selection.

Transfer to Final Contract. The terms and conditions of the RFI, including the specifications and the completed proposal, will become at CRDF Global's sole discretion, part of the final contract (the "Agreement") between CRDF Global and the selected bidder. In the event that responses to the terms and conditions will materially impair a bidder's ability to respond to the RFI, bidder should notify CRDF Global in writing of the impairment. If bidder fails to object to any condition(s) incorporated herein, it shall mean that bidder agrees with, and will comply with the conditions set forth herein.

Exceptions. Any exceptions to the terms and conditions or any additions, which bidder may wish to include in the RFI, should be made in writing and included in the form of an addendum to the applicable Section in the RFI.

CRDF Global Proprietary Information. Supplier agrees that all non-public information contained in this document and communicated verbally in reference to this RFI by CRDF Global shall be received for the sole discretion and purpose of enabling the supplier to submit an accurate response to this RFI. The information contained in this RFI and disclosed during the course of negotiations and communications are proprietary in nature and under no circumstances to be disclosed to a third party without prior written consent from CRDF Global.

Supplier Proprietary Information. Information contained in the response to this RFI will be considered proprietary in nature if marked "confidential" or "proprietary". Such marked documents will not be disclosed to third parties outside CRDF Global with the exception of retained consultants under contractual confidentiality agreements.