

**CRDF GLOBAL
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)**

Subject Matter Experts on Ballistic Missile Proliferation and Counterproliferation Finance

Summary:

CRDF Global is seeking subject matter expert(s) (hereafter “Contractor”) with experience developing and delivering instruction and training on best practices to combat the proliferation of ballistic missile systems and technologies. The Contractor would build, tailor, and deploy curricula for non-governmental audiences around the world, both in person and via online methods such as live or recorded webinars.

Contractor Requirements:

The Contractor will have experience developing and delivering trainings on ballistic missile or advanced conventional weapon technology transfer as well as counterproliferation financing (CPF), including a deep understanding of multilateral and unilateral financial sanctions, including secondary sanctions under UN Security Council Resolutions and U.S. government sanctions regimes. The Contractor will also have knowledge of how state actors—notably China—seek to circumvent sanctions regimes and be able to train to specific case studies highlighting the threats and risks posed by purchasing of missiles and related technologies from sanctioned entities, the financial risks associated with predatory investment by the Chinese government, reputational risk associated with acquiring Chinese missile systems, and alternative vendors that offer reduced sanctions risk.

The Contractor should have experience working with private sector compliance officers, financial institutions, firms involved in the production of missile equipment and infrastructure, and transportation firms, among other entities.

Contractor Selection Criteria:

CRDF Global will select the contractor(s) that provides the best value in terms of overall price and experience. The Contractor(s) should have proven experience working with the subject matter area described above. Experience working with/in diverse audiences and geographies is preferred.

Submission Requirements:

RFI responses and all other communication concerning this RFI should be directed to the following designated CRDF Global contact:

Aaron Karako
1776 Wilson Blvd. Floor 300
Arlington, VA 22209
akarako@crdfglobal.org

Each submission must include the following:

- Statement of Interest and Technical Capabilities

- Proposed labor rate
- CV(s)
- List of recent experience countering ballistic missile proliferation and/or counterproliferation financing and applicable references/past performance
- Any Small or Disadvantaged Business Designations (Veteran Owned, HUB Zone, Women Owned, Disadvantaged Businesses)
- [For reference] NAICS Codes for this engagement:
 - 541620 Environmental Consulting Services- Small Business Threshold \$15 million
 - 541690 Other Scientific and Technical Consulting Services – \$15 million

RFI responses should be submitted as electronic documents in PDF, Word or Excel format. The subject line of the email must read:

CRDF Global RFI_SME_[Applicant's Last Name]

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.

More information is available at www.crdfglobal.org.

Solicitation Terms & Conditions:

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

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, the bidder agrees that CRDF Global has sole discretion to select any and/or all applicants. During or following the conclusion of this process, applicants waive their rights to damages whatsoever attributable to the selection process, materials provided, applicants selection, or any communication associated with the RFP process and applicant selection.

CRDF Global Proprietary Information. Applicants 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 applicants 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.

Applicant 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.