

**CRDF GLOBAL**  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

**Deadline: *December 4, 2020 5:00 PM EST***

**Summary:**

CRDF Global is seeking Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with experience conducting open-source research and producing concise reports on the sanctions evasion activities of countries such as North Korea and Iran who seek ways around United Nations Security Council resolutions on their WMD and ballistic missile programs.

**Scope of Work:**

The Subject Matter Expert would conduct open source research and write concise reports on sanctions evasion practices, typologies, and red flags that could assist sanctions enforcement stakeholders around the globe address their vulnerability to these tactics within their compliance programs or national regulations. The SME would brief CRDF Global partners on around the world on the results of this research, both in person and via online methods such as live or recorded webinars.

**SME Requirements:**

- Possess a deep understanding of relevant UN Security Council resolutions.
- Experience conducting quick turnaround research using open source methods on a specific subset of sanction evasion strategies such as proliferation finance, exploiting flag registries of vessels, abuse of diplomatic privileges, conducting cyberattacks on financial institutions and cryptocurrency operators, or other means deployed by sanctioned countries such as North Korea and Iran.
- Able to use research findings to develop concise reports that could be shared with CRDF Global partners around the globe as actionable and immediate information.
- A strong candidate for this work will be able to demonstrate past research and reporting experience, a portfolio of these materials, and examples of the impact this research had on the field.

**Preferred Experience:**

- Experience with research and reporting on sanctions evasion activities in Southeast Asia, Africa, the Middle East, or Latin America will be valuable to our program as well.

**Submission Requirements:**

Each submission must include:

- Statement of Interest and Technical Capabilities
- Proposed labor rate
- CV(s)
- List of recent experience working on open-source research on the sanctions evasion activities of countries such as North Korea and Iran. Please note any experience working with the U.S. government or on the regions identified above.
- Any Small or Disadvantaged Business Designations (Veteran Owned, HUB Zone, Women Owned, Disadvantaged Businesses)

**SME Selection Criteria:**

CRDF Global may select the subject matter experts who provides the best value in terms of expertise, past performance, and labor rate.

**Submission:**

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

**Background:**

CRDF Global is an independent nonprofit organization founded in 1995 in response to the collapse of the Soviet Union and the threat of large-scale proliferation of weapons technology from the region. With support authorized by the Nunn-Lugar Act of 1991 and the Freedom Support Act of 1992, as well private foundation contributions, CRDF Global embarked on bolstering the global scientific community and fostering alternatives to weapons research.

In the past 25 years, our work has expanded to address ever-changing global concerns, but our commitment to ensuring the success of our partners remains the same. We are a leading provider of flexible logistical support, program design and management, and strategic capacity building programs in the areas of higher education, CBRNE security and nonproliferation, border security, cybersecurity, global health, technology entrepreneurship, and international professional exchanges.

With offices in Arlington, VA; Kyiv, Ukraine; and Amman, Jordan, CRDF Global's diverse staff and networks of local community and government stakeholders deliver tailored programs that meet specific regional needs in over 100 countries across the globe.

Vision Statement:

Our world, healthy, safe, and sustainable.

Mission Statement:

Safety, security, and sustainability through science, innovation, and collaboration.

Values:

We do the right thing.

We care about each other and the people we work with.

We work together to deliver excellence

More information is available at [www.crdfglobal.org](http://www.crdfglobal.org).

**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 RFI. 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 RFI 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.