

**CRDF GLOBAL
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL or INFORMATION**

International Security and Responsible Research, Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence In Brazil

Deadline: *March 6, 2023*

Summary:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State, CRDF Global is pleased to present “International Security and Responsible Research, Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence in Brazil” a conference to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil on May 9th-11th. Brazil is a global and regional leader in Artificial Intelligence research, and this conference is intended to raise awareness among participants of the promise of AI as well as the dual-use nature of AI. The Conference seeks to engage senior scientists, developers, engineers, government representatives, academic and research institutions, industry experts who are currently researching and developing AI and related emerging technologies. The conference will highlight international and national best practices to provide a networking forum for Brazil’s innovative and rapidly growing AI community.

Expertise:

CRDF Global seeks information from experts with a background in artificial intelligence industry, research, and application to:

- participate in the International Security and Responsible Research, Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence in Brazil Conference. CVs that include professional background and all professional or academic appointments, publications, collaborations, and/or patents are required for full consideration.

Tasks and Deliverables:

The Consultant will implement a 30 minute to an hour in-person presentation at the conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Attendance at the full conference is expected.

Contractor Requirements:

Successful Consultants will have any of the below:

- Thorough knowledge and understanding of the sectors within Brazil and/or internationally.
- At least 5 years of experience working within the Research Security, IP Protection, or AI Policy fields.
- Knowledge or experience of relevant topics in sanctions compliance and securing dual-use research, knowledge, materials, and data from being misused, stolen, or diverted

Proposal Requirements:

Each proposal must include:

- Statement of Interest including knowledge of any/all sectors listed, a brief abstract of the proposed presentation topic to include a description of the supporting research.
- Cost proposal
- Hourly Rate
- CV(s)
- List of recent experience in the RFP Subject Matter area and applicable references/past performance

- Any Small or Disadvantaged Business Designations (Veteran Owned, HUB Zone, Women Owned, Disadvantaged Businesses)
- NAICS Codes: 541620 Environmental Consulting Services- Small Business Threshold \$15 million
541690 Other Scientific and Technical Consulting Services – \$15 million

Timetable:

02/17/2023	RFP Questions due
02/24/2023	RFP Questions & Answers released
03/06/2023	RFP submissions due
05/09/2023	Contract start date

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 within any or all the sectors referenced above. Contractor’s experience will be directly compared to points listed in the Contractor Requirements sections of this RFI, proportionally weighted with their history of past success on similar projects and compliance to the submission specifications listed in this RFI.

CRDF Global prioritizes a safe and collaborative work environment in which diversity, equity, and inclusion is championed and discussed. CRDF Global provides equal employment opportunities to all qualified individuals without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity, national origin, protected veteran, or disabled status. We are dedicated to creating and maintaining a respectful work environment that is safe, engaging, and comfortable for all.

CRDF Global pledges to prioritize sponsorship of diverse events and panels of experts whenever possible.

Submission:

Proposals should be submitted to procurement@crdfglobal.org & jcarpenter@crdfglobal.org , no later than **5:00pm EST March 6, 2023**. Proposals 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

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More information is available at www.crdfglobal.org.