

CRDF GLOBAL
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION or QUOTE or PROPOSAL

Deadline: February 23, 2026

Summary:

CRDF Global seeks qualified subject matter experts (SMEs) from consulting firms, maritime compliance and risk advisory organizations, logistics and shipping advisory entities, and other relevant organizations to support the design and delivery of a series of five (5) one-day, in-person workshops focused on identifying, assessing, and mitigating Russian sanctions-evasion activities in the maritime and related logistics sectors. The workshops are tentatively planned to be conducted in Greece, Türkiye, Brazil, Singapore, and one additional partner country to be identified.

Each workshop will convene approximately 30 participants drawn from maritime authorities, port administrations, flag registries, shipping and logistics operators, insurers and reinsurers, classification societies, and other relevant public- and private-sector stakeholders. The workshops will provide applied, scenario-based training designed to strengthen compliance with U.S. sanctions regimes by improving participants' ability to identify high-risk Russian-linked vessels and transactions; detect deceptive and obfuscation practices, including vessel identity and flag changes, AIS manipulation, and illicit ship-to-ship transfers; and analyze commercial shipping and logistics documentation to support risk-based decision-making and enforcement actions.

Scope:

CRDF Global seeks subject matter experts (SMEs) with demonstrated expertise in U.S. maritime sanctions implementation, shipping and logistics compliance, risk management, and investigative due diligence. Selected SMEs will support CRDF Global in the design and delivery of five (5) one-day, in-person workshops delivered across multiple regions, beginning with proposed engagements in Greece and Türkiye.

Working under CRDF Global's technical direction, SMEs will develop session content, case studies, and practical tools to strengthen participants' ability to identify and respond to Russian maritime sanctions-evasion activities. This includes identification of high-risk Russian-linked vessels and transactions; detection of dark fleet behavior, illicit ship-to-ship transfers, AIS manipulation, and vessel identity or flag changes; and assessment of compliance and enforcement risks associated with non-compliance with U.S. sanctions.

SMEs will provide training on U.S. sanctions frameworks and applicable regulatory requirements, as well as, where relevant, complementary international regimes; maritime domain awareness tools; vessel-tracking and risk-profiling methodologies; and analysis of commercial shipping and logistics documentation, including manifests and bills of lading. SMEs will collaborate closely with CRDF Global, the Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR), and regional stakeholders to tailor content to local operational and regulatory contexts.

Intended Outcomes

By the end of this program, participants will possess:

- Enhanced ability to identify and assess Russian maritime sanctions-evasion activities.
- Strengthened due-diligence, compliance, and investigative decision-making across the maritime and logistics sectors.

- Improved understanding of obfuscation tactics, high-risk vessels, and deceptive shipping practices.
- Increased capacity for information-sharing and coordination among government authorities and private-sector stakeholders.

Tasks and Deliverables:

The contractor will be responsible for completing the below tasks for each workshop, with additional details added based on the specific scope of the activity.

Task One: Developing Workshop Agendas

The Contractor shall participate in an initial kick-off meeting with CRDF Global to review program objectives, clarify technical expectations, and coordinate roles and responsibilities. Following the kick-off meeting, the Contractor shall develop detailed agendas for five (5) one-day, in-person workshops. Agendas shall define session sequencing, instructional objectives, and technical content, and shall incorporate applied case studies aligned with U.S. maritime sanctions compliance and enforcement, maritime risk indicators, and sanctions-evasion mitigation strategies.

Task One Deliverables:

- Draft and final agendas for all five (5) workshops, submitted to CRDF Global for review and approval.

Task Two: Contributing to Development of Workshop Materials

The Contractor shall develop all technical and instructional materials required for delivery of the workshops. Materials shall include, as appropriate, slide presentations, applied case studies, practical exercises, reference documents, and participant handouts. Content shall focus on U.S. sanctions frameworks, maritime sanctions-evasion typologies, vessel-tracking and detection methodologies, analysis of commercial shipping and logistics documentation, and due-diligence and compliance best practices relevant to maritime and port operations. All materials shall be submitted to CRDF Global in advance of each workshop for technical review and approval.

Task Two Deliverables:

- Complete set of workshop materials, including presentations, case studies, practical exercises, reference materials, and participant handouts.
- Final, CRDF Global–approved versions of all workshop materials.

Task Three: Delivery of Workshops

The Contractor shall travel to designated partner countries to deliver the sessions outlined in the CRDF Global–approved agendas for five (5) one-day, in-person workshops, beginning with proposed engagements in Greece and Türkiye. The Contractor shall coordinate closely with CRDF Global to ensure effective integration of presentations, case studies, and interactive exercises across all workshops.

CRDF Global shall arrange and cover all Contractor travel logistics to and from each workshop location, including airfare, lodging, airport transfers, per diem in accordance with U.S. Department of State rates, and travel medical insurance.

Task Three Deliverables:

- Deliver all assigned presentations and CRDF Global–approved materials during five (5) one-day, in-person workshops, beginning with proposed engagements in Greece and Türkiye.

- Actively facilitate and participate in workshop discussions and applied case study exercises in accordance with approved agendas and instructional objectives.

Task Four: Workshop Close-out, Reporting and Evaluation

The Contractor shall prepare and submit to CRDF Global an after-action report summarizing the technical outcomes of the five (5) workshops. The report shall synthesize observations across all engagements and document key outcomes, including instructional effectiveness, participant engagement, substantive findings related to Russian maritime sanctions-evasion risks, and lessons learned. The report should also incorporate participant feedback and identify recommended areas for future programming or capacity-building activities.

Task Four Deliverables:

- One consolidated after-action report summarizing technical outcomes across all workshops, including activity successes, key observations, participant and course feedback, and recommendations for future programming.

Contractor Requirements:

CRDF Global seeks qualified contractors, including academic institutions, consulting organizations, maritime compliance and risk advisory firms, and other relevant entities, with demonstrated expertise in maritime sanctions implementation, shipping and logistics compliance, risk evaluation, and investigative due diligence.

Contractors must demonstrate prior experience designing and delivering in-person training or capacity-building workshops for maritime authorities and private-sector stakeholders. Required competencies include working knowledge of U.S. and international sanctions frameworks, vessel-tracking and maritime domain awareness systems, analysis of commercial shipping and logistics documentation, and risk-based enforcement and compliance decision-making. Strong written and oral communication skills in English are required. Experience working with government counterparts, multilateral institutions, or donor-funded programs is strongly preferred.

Proposal Requirements

Each proposal must include:

- Statement of Interest and Technical Capabilities
- Description of relevant experience
- Cost proposal
- CV(s) of proposed subject matter expert(s)
- List of recent experience in the relevant subject matter area, including references and/or past performance
- *(If applicable)* [NAICS Codes](#):

Timetable:

February 03, 2026: RFP posted

February 07, 2026: RFP Questions due

February 10, 2026: RFP Questions & Answers released

February 23, 2026: RFP submissions due

March 02, 2026: Anticipated contract start date

Submission

Proposals should be submitted electronically to procurement@crdfglobal.org & oosgood@crdfglobal.org no later than **February 16, 2026**. 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

CRDF Global provides fair and equal treatment to all qualified individuals and stakeholders. Our approach emphasizes professionalism, respect, and collaboration to ensure that all participants are valued and supported. We strive to maintain an environment that fosters mutual respect and constructive engagement.

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 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 RFP 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.

Notification. CRDF Global will notify bidders following completion of the evaluation process, as to whether or not bidders have been awarded the contract. The only information regarding the status of the evaluation of proposals that will be provided to any inquiring bidder shall be whether or not the inquiring bidder has been awarded the contract. CRDF Global may, at its sole discretion, inform any inquiring bidder of the reason(s) as to why it was not awarded the contract

Binding Period. Following the due date of submission of this Proposal, the pricing included in this RFP shall be binding upon the supplier for the duration of the contract.

Hold Harmless. By submitting a response to the RFP, 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 RFP, 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 RFP, 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 RFP, should be made in writing and included in the form of an addendum to the applicable Section in the RFP.

CRDF Global Proprietary Information. Supplier agrees that all non-public information contained in this document and communicated verbally in reference to this RFP by CRDF Global shall be received for the sole discretion and purpose of enabling the supplier to submit an accurate response to this RFP. The information contained in this RFP 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 RFP 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.