

**CRDF GLOBAL
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Deadline: April 06, 2026

Summary:

CRDF Global seeks qualified subject matter experts (SMEs) from consulting firms, financial compliance advisory organizations, risk management firms, and other relevant entities to support the design and delivery of a two-day, in-person workshop in Mauritania focused on sanctions compliance and financial risk management.

The workshop will be delivered in partnership with the U.S. Department of State's Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) and will convene up to 40 participants across two days, with one day dedicated to private-sector stakeholders and one day dedicated to public-sector stakeholders.

Participants will include representatives from financial institutions, regulatory bodies, ICT-related entities, and defense-related sectors. The workshop will provide practical, introductory-level training on international sanctions frameworks, compliance responsibilities, screening tools, and due diligence practices. It will also highlight how effective sanctions compliance supports engagement with the international financial system, including correspondent banking relationships.

Scope:

CRDF Global seeks subject matter experts (SMEs) with demonstrated expertise in sanctions compliance, financial risk management, and regulatory frameworks. Selected SMEs will support CRDF Global in the design and delivery of one (1) two-day, in-person workshop in Mauritania.

Working under CRDF Global's technical direction, SMEs will develop and deliver tailored training content for both private-sector and public-sector audiences. The workshop will provide a foundational understanding of sanctions compliance, including how sanctions function, how to identify and mitigate risks, and how institutions can implement basic compliance practices.

SMEs will provide training on international sanctions frameworks and their practical application, as well as compliance responsibilities for financial institutions, ICT entities, and regulatory bodies. The training will include demonstrations of open-source and low-cost sanctions screening tools, along with basic due diligence and risk identification methodologies. SMEs will also incorporate case-based discussions relevant to financial, ICT, and defense-sector exposure. SMEs will collaborate closely with CRDF Global, the Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR), and relevant stakeholders to ensure content is tailored to the local operational and regulatory context.

Intended Outcomes

By the end of the program, participants will possess:

- Improved understanding of international sanctions frameworks and their real-world application
- Practical knowledge of sanctions screening and due diligence tools
- Enhanced ability to identify and manage sanctions-related financial risks

- Increased confidence in establishing or strengthening institutional compliance processes
- Greater awareness of how sanctions compliance supports access to correspondent banking relationships and the international financial system

Tasks and Deliverables:

The contractor will be responsible for completing the below tasks, 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 and expectations. Following this, the Contractor shall develop a detailed agenda for the two-day workshop, ensuring clear differentiation between private-sector and public-sector sessions.

Task One Deliverables:

Draft and final two-day workshop agenda for CRDF Global review and approval

Task Two: 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 international sanctions frameworks and practical application, foundational compliance requirements for financial institutions, ICT entities, and regulators, and the use of open-source and low-cost sanctions screening tools. Materials will also cover basic due diligence and risk identification methodologies, as well as case-based examples relevant to financial, ICT, and defense-sector exposure, with an emphasis on practical compliance approaches and risk mitigation strategies.

All materials shall be submitted to CRDF Global in advance of the 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 Mauritania to deliver the two-day, in-person workshop in accordance with the approved agenda. The Contractor shall coordinate closely with CRDF Global to ensure effective integration of presentations, case studies, and interactive exercises.

CRDF Global will coordinate and cover all travel logistics, including airfare, lodging, per diem, and related expenses.

Task Three Deliverables:

- Deliver all assigned presentations and CRDF Global–approved materials during two-day in-person workshops.
- 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 two-day workshop. The report shall synthesize observations and document key outcomes, including instructional effectiveness, participant engagement, and findings related to sanctions compliance and financial risk management in the Mauritanian context. It shall also capture lessons learned, incorporate participant feedback, and identify recommended areas for future programming or capacity-building efforts, particularly in strengthening compliance practices and risk mitigation across public- and private-sector institutions.

Task Four Deliverables:

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

Contractor Requirements:

CRDF Global seeks qualified contractors, including consulting organizations, financial compliance advisory firms, risk management firms, and other relevant entities, with demonstrated expertise in sanctions compliance and financial risk management.

Contractors must demonstrate prior experience designing and delivering in-person training or capacity-building workshops for public- and private-sector stakeholders, including financial institutions, regulatory authorities, and ICT-related entities. Required competencies include working knowledge of international sanctions frameworks, sanctions screening tools, and basic due diligence and risk identification practices. 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:

March 26, 2026: RFP posted

April 01, 2026, 2026: RFP Questions due

April 03, 2026, 2026: RFP Questions & Answers released

April 06, 2026: RFP submissions due

April 09, 2026: Anticipated contract start date

Submission

Proposals should be submitted electronically to procurement@crdfglobal.org and oosgood@crdfglobal.org no later than **April 06, 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.