CRDF Global
Request for Proposal Questions & Answers
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The following questions and answers are provided in response to inquiries submitted regarding the Request for Proposals: Strengthen Research Security and Supply Chain Security in the Balkans to Protect U.S. Technologies and Prevent PRC Interference and Theft

These questions and answers are provided for informational purposes only and do not modify, amend, or supersede the terms of the Request for Proposals. In the event of any inconsistency between this Q&A and the RFP, the RFP shall govern. Responses reflect CRDF Global's interpretation of the RFP requirements as of the date of release.

Respondents are responsible for monitoring the official procurement platform for updates or additional clarifications.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Are there any restrictions or preferences regarding the type or location of organizations serving as the lead implementing partner or prime subject matter expert?

A: As the workshop draws on both U.S. and international best practices related to research security and supply chain security, applicants should ensure their proposed team includes the expertise and personnel necessary to effectively incorporate these perspectives. Proposals will be evaluated based on the team's ability to deliver the required scope and objectives.

Q: Would CRDF Global consider proposals in which one organization leads specific technical or thematic components while collaborating with other subject matter experts responsible for additional areas of the program?

A: Yes. Collaborative approaches that combine complementary expertise may be considered, provided the proposal clearly identifies the thematic areas the organizations will lead and shows the team can deliver all required scope elements to a high standard.

Q: Can CRDF Global confirm the anticipated implementation timeline for the workshops?

A: The anticipated implementation period for both workshops is November 2026. This may be subject to change and applicants should remain flexible in the event of any changes.

Q: What is the anticipated number and composition of participants for each workshop?

A: CRDF Global anticipates approximately 30 participants per workshop. At this time, there is no predetermined distribution among academic institutions, research organizations, private-sector entities, or other participant groups. Participant composition may evolve during the outreach and registration process.

Q: Will interpretation services and translation of participant materials be provided?

A: CRDF Global will provide interpretation services and translation of participant-facing materials, as needed.

Q: Is a 9-page proposal compliant if the page count excludes supplementary materials such as cover sheets, contact sheets, CVs, cost proposals, and compliance matrices?

A: Yes. A 9-page proposal, excluding supplementary materials, is compliant with the requirements of the RFP.

Q: Will CRDF Global provide logistical and in-country coordination support for program activities?

A: Yes. CRDF Global expects to provide overall program coordination, participant outreach, venue and logistics management as applicable, and coordination with relevant local counterparts.

Q: Is there a preferred form or target level of cost sharing or in-kind contribution?

A: Applicants are encouraged to propose their most competitive and cost-effective approach, including any cost-sharing contributions they are able to provide.