

Clarifications - 2

Coimisiún na Meán received the following clarification questions for the Request for Tender for the Provision of Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) as a Service and Associated Cyber Security Advisory and Specialist Support Services.

Our response is outlined below:

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740126	1. Can you confirm if an incumbent supplier is currently providing the services in scope for this contract and if so can the supplier name be shared with bidders?	An incumbent supplier is currently providing services to the Contracting Authority. However, the scope of those services differs from the requirements of this tender. Information relating to previous procurement competitions and contract award notices is publicly available on the eTenders platform.
743758	2. We note that the template Services Contract references a Confidentiality Agreement at Appendix 6 to the RFT. We have not received a copy of the template Confidentiality Agreement - please could you provide us with a copy of same?	Uploaded.
744145	3. The RFT outlines an ongoing retained CISO advisory service including governance support, risk management, executive reporting and regulatory advisory activities. Could Coimisiún na Meán please provide an indication of the anticipated level of effort associated with the retained service (e.g. average days/hours per week or month) to support resource planning and pricing assumptions?	The Contracting Authority is not in a position to provide an estimate of the anticipated level of effort at this time. Tenderers should prepare their proposals based on the information contained within the procurement documentation.
	4. The RFT references ongoing support relating to NIS2 and ISO 27001. Could Coimisiún na Meán confirm whether the successful tenderer is expected	The role is intended primarily to provide strategic, advisory and oversight services. Where implementation support is required, this will be limited to advisory

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	to provide implementation support in addition to advisory and oversight activities, or whether the role is intended to remain independent and advisory in nature?	assistance and specialist expertise as described in the Specification. The successful tenderer will not be responsible for acting as the implementation delivery partner for organisation-wide initiatives unless specifically requested by the Contracting Authority under the scope of the Contract.
	5. The RFT sets out the contractual terms applicable to the successful Tenderer. Could Coimisiún na Meán confirm whether specific contractual provisions (e.g. liability, indemnity, and other risk allocation clauses etc.) may be discussed and agreed with the successful Tenderer prior to contract execution?	Tenderers are required to submit their tenders on the basis of the published procurement documents, including the draft Contract. Tenderers must accept the terms and conditions of the draft Contract as published. The Contracting Authority does not intend to negotiate or materially amend the terms and conditions following evaluation. While the Contracting Authority may consider requests for clarification or minor amendments where considered appropriate, it cannot guarantee that any such requests will be accepted.