RFP for Engaging Competent Resources from Bank Empanelment of Category-I IT Companies for Providing Niche Technology Resources for Implementation and Support of Centralized DevSecOps Platform



RFP Ref: SBI/GITC/Platform Engineering-III/2024/2025/1249 dated 03.12.2024

Responses to Prebid Queries discussed in the meeting dated 17.12.2024

Sl.	RFP	RFP Clause No.	Existing Clause	Query/Suggestions	Bank's response
No	Page				
	No				
1	3	Schedule of Events	Last date and time for Bid	Request the bank to	Corrigendum issued
			submission	provide an extension	for extending the Bid
				of 4 weeks to	Submission date till
				complete our	03-01-2025 03:00 PM
				internal risk and	
				legal processes and	
				apply to this RFP	

2	10	4. SCOPE OF WORK:	As given in Appendix-E of this document. Unless otherwise stated under this RFP, all other terms, and conditions of the EOI will be applicable for this RFP.	1. Can you provide more details on the specific applications and systems that will be integrated into the DevSecOps platform?	Web & Mobile, Monolithic/Service Oriented/Microservice architecture based applications, Internet and Intranet facing applications, 3-tier architecture(App, Web and DB) including legacy applications

3	10	5. ELIGIBILITY AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA	i. Bid is open to all Bidders who meet the eligibility and technical criteria as given in Appendix-B & Appendix-C of this document. The Bidder has to submit the documents substantiating eligibility criteria as mentioned in this RFP document. iii. Skill set and Experience requirements of resources is mentioned in Appendix-P ii. The Bidder shall also submit PRE-CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT along with technical Bid as prescribed in Appendix-N duly signed by the Bidder on each page and witnessed by two persons. The Pre-Contract Integrity Pact shall be stamped as applicable in the State where it is executed. Bid submitted without Pre-Contract Integrity Pact, as per the format provided in the RFP, shall not be considered. iii. Skill set and Experience requirements of resources is mentioned in Appendix-P	What are the security protocols and compliance standards that need to be adhered to during the implementation? Please specify, the guidelines provided by the RBI	As per bank's IT/IS Policy/Other related policies/Regulatory requirements
4	10	5. ELIGIBILITY AND TECHNICAL CRITERIA	The Bidder shall also submit PRE-CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT along with technical Bid as prescribed in Appendix-N duly signed by the Bidder on each page and witnessed by two persons. The Pre-Contract Integrity Pact shall be stamped as applicable in the State where it is executed. Bid submitted without Pre-Contract Integrity Pact,	Bidder Seeks Deletion of Clause	The clause cannot be deleted as it is as per bank's requirements.

			as per the format provided in the RFP, shall not be considered.		
5	13	8.EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD):	ix. If EMD is forfeited for any reasons mentioned above, the concerned Bidder may be debarred from participating in the RFPs floated by the Bank/this department, in future, as per sole discretion of the Bank.	Bidder Seeks Deletion of Clause	The clause cannot be deleted as it is as per bank's requirements.
6	27	37. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES	A sum equivalent to 0.5% of total Project Cost for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 5% of total Project Cost.	Is there an overall cap on the total penalties that can be imposed under this	As per RFP.
7	74	Appendix–I (Other terms and Penalties)	SLA and penalty regarding resource deployment: Rs. 25000/- per resource per missing man-day	contract?	
8	27	37. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES	If Service Provider fails to deliver and perform any or all the Services within the stipulated time, schedule as specified in this RFP/Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the RFP/Agreement, and unless otherwise extension of time is agreed upon without the application of liquidated damages, deduct from the Project Cost, as liquidated damages a sum equivalent to 0.5% of total	Proposed - The proposed penalty of 0.5% per week seems excessive. Such a significant penalty could inadvertently incentivize the Service Provider to prioritize speed over quality, potentially leading to	As per RFP.

			Project Cost for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 5% of total Project Cost. Once the maximum deduction is reached, the Bank may consider termination of the Agreement.	suboptimal outcomes. We believe a more collaborative approach, focused on shared success, would be beneficial for both parties. We propose exploring alternative mechanisms, such as incentive-based structures or performance-linked fees, to incentivize timely and quality delivery.	
9	27	37.LIQUIDATED DAMAGES	If Service Provider fails to deliver and perform any or all the Services within the stipulated time, schedule as specified in this RFP/Agreement, the Bank may, without prejudice to its other remedies under the RFP/Agreement, and unless otherwise extension of time is agreed upon without the application of liquidated damages, deduct from the Project Cost, as liquidated damages a sum equivalent to 0.5% of total Project Cost for delay of each week or part thereof maximum up to 5% of total Project Cost. Once the maximum deduction is reached, the Bank may consider termination of the Agreement.	Bidder requests LD shall be charged on value of delayed portion of scope and not on the project cost	As per RFP.

10	36	Appendix-B (Bidder's Eligibility Criteria)	Client references and contact details (email/ landline/ mobile) of customers for whom the Bidder has executed similar projects in India. (Start and End Date of the Project to be mentioned) in the past (At least 02 client references are required)	Since end to end DevSecOps casestudies are limited in Indian Domestic market, we request Bank to consider following amendment in Client reference requirement in the RFP.	As per RFP.
11	40	Appendix-C (Technical – Eligibility Parameter)	Indian/Global distinct clients' assignments handled in implementing centralized End-to-end DevSecOps platform during the last five years (FY2019-2024). Please Note: • Supporting documents for above should be Purchase / Work Orders, letters from clients on their letter head, contacts of clients etc. • Only such assignments should be described in above table which are directly related to Scope of Work of this RFP and in implementing centralized DevSecOps platform.	Proposed: Our extensive experience in DevSecOps, gained through engagements with global clients, can be substantiated through our auditor's (CA or statutory auditor) declaration that will provide detailed information about the project scope, duration and their outcomes and request Bank to consider the same as	
12	40	Appendix-C (Technical – Eligibility Parameter)	The bidder must have minimum 5 references, with at least 2 being in the BFSI industry in the last 2 years. DevSecOps solutions or similar services should have been implemented at the referenced clients	valid client reference proof.	

			by the bidder without any sub-contracting.		
13	41	Appendix-C (Technical – Eligibility Parameter)	The bidder must have experience of implementing end to end enterprise wide DevSecOps platform and support mandatorily in banking industry, and at least 2 of the following domains - NonBanking Financial Company (NBFC)/ Payment industries/IT MNCs across the last 5 years (FY 2019 to FY 2024). (Experience within own organisation will not be considered)		
14	43	Appendix-C (Technical – Eligibility Parameter) Annexure C1	Among these 5 distinct clients minimum 2 clients should be from Indian Public sector/Private Bank.	As similar scope has been limitedly been implemented in Indian Public sector/Private Bank, we request to relax the criteria to India/global banks in Annexure C1 Our extensive experience in DevSecOps, gained through engagements with global clients, can be substantiated	As per RFP.

				through our auditor's (CA or statutory auditor) declaration that will provide detailed information about the project scope, duration and their outcomes and request Bank to consider the same as valid client reference proof.	
15	44	Appendix-C (Technical – Eligibility Parameter) Annexure C2	Skilled DevSecOps resources currently available (Full time) Certifications: As mentioned in Appendix-P.	Please clarify if the resources actually deployed in the project should be a subset of the resources shared in this list	Yes, skilled DevSecOps resources should be available once PO is issued.
16	49	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule)	The bidder resources will be required to assess the application landscape and onboard applications onto the DevSecOps pipelines tailored to the requirements. It must support a wide range of programming languages and frameworks to accommodate diverse development teams and projects.	The scope in the RFP is very high-level, with no details provided on the applications and technologies used. This makes it difficult for us to assess the resource efforts in terms of count or manmonths. We request SBI to clarify the number of applications to be	Please refer pg no. 65 (points 7 & 8) of the RFP. Web & Mobile, Monolithic/Service Oriented/Microservice architecture based applications, Internet and Intranet facing applications, 3-tier architecture(App, Web and DB) including legacy applications

				worked on and specify the technology stack being used, so we can have a clear understanding of the requirements.	
17	49	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule)	NA	1. DevSecOps Platform Solution – Hosted on-premises but cloud ready (What cloud providers, need to be considered) 2. What are the key performance indicators (KPIs) for the success of this project?	1. It will be decided as per bank discretion in the scenario of opting for migration. 2. The bank seeks to ensure that the applications are onboarded in a timely manner as per plan, training is provided by bidder resources to ensure adoption. KPIs to monitor the same are as per the "Dashboarding and metrics" sub-section, and the benchmark for the same will vary based on application.
18	50	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 1. Project planning: 1.2 Backlog management	1.2 Backlog management The bidder must ensure that the backlog management tool integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution enables orchestration and maintenance of prioritized list of	Does SBI want to display all user personalized relevant backlog details on common Kyndryl DevSecOps	No. This will need to be configured for each application, and implementation during development and integration with
			tasks, features, and enhancements that need to be addressed.	management portal dashboard? For eg-	DevSecOps platform.

				tickets assigned to specific user.	
19	51	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 1. Project planning: 1.5 Document management	1.5 Document management The bidder must ensure that the document management tool integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution will enable creation, storage, retrieval, and maintenance of project- related documents. This ensures that all relevant information is organized, accessible, and up to date.	Format of document to be managed by document management tool?	The documentation encompasses artefacts across SDLC, such as solution documents, BRDs, excel files with test cases, test reports etc., and the format varies based on the applications.
20	52	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 2. Code Quality Check 2.1 Unit testing	2.1 Unit testing The bidder must ensure that the unit testing tool integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution enables testing of individual components or modules of the code to ensure they meet quality gates. Due to the language-specific requirements for Unit Test tooling, the bidder is expected to coordinate with departments and tailor unit testing as per applications to be onboarded.	Will SBI be providing the app specific unit test cases?	In cases where the application department is using the unit testing framework, it needs to be integrated into the setup. In cases where unit testing has not been adopted, the bidder resources will be required to configure the testing framework and provide training on usage of unit testing frameworks. This will help the departments in utilizing the unit testing methodology effectively.

21	52	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 2. Code Quality Check 2.1 Unit testing	Unit testing	Are all 42 applications have unit test suite present?	Availability of test suite depends on application to application, and has varying levels of unit testing maturity
22	52	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 2. Code Quality Check 2.2 Automated code review	Automated code review	Is automated code review in place in the current environment? If yes, are stage gates are already defined?	The presence of code quality checks and quality gates varies by applications. We are trying to implement and standardize this at an enterprise level with this project.
23	53	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 2. Code Quality Check 2.2 Automated code review & 2.3 Code Security Testing	Automated code review & Code Security Testing	Please specific various technologies in scope Are there mobile applications in scope too	The technologies in scope vary by application, a list of technologies (non-exhaustive) for year 1 applications are as follows: Front-end: Angular, HTML, CSS, Java, Kotlin, Angular, Bootstrap etc. Middleware: Java, Kony, C#, Node.js etc. Backend: Java, Python, Springboot, C#, .net, Cognos, node.js, VB, etc.

					Yes, mobile applications are in scope In general we have web & mobile, Monolithic/Service Oriented/Microservice architecture based applications, Internet and Intranet facing applications, 3-tier architecture(App, Web and DB) including legacy applications
24	53	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 2. Code Quality Check 2.4 Database Change Control	Database Change Control	Is database change control in place under the current setup? Which Databases are currently being used?	Change control management is in place. Databases like Oracle, MySQL, MongoDB, PostgreSQL, DB2, MS-SQL, Cloudant etc.,

25	53	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 2. Code Quality Check 2.4 Database Change Control	2.4 Database Change Control The bidder must ensure that the DB change versioning tool integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution manages and tracks changes to the database schema and data. This ensures consistency, traceability, and the ability to rollback changes as and when needed, ensuring quicker fixes in case of defects.	1. Type of DB scripts/code SBI has? Triggers, stored procedures etc. 2. List of DBs available at Bank? 3. DB Change Control: DB Change versioning Tool> Could you provide more details on the database type? 4. DB Change Control: With context of "This ensures consistency, traceability, and the ability to rollback changes as and when needed". Rollback would be possible, only if the tools and given Database supports"	The database details depend on applications, and applicability of DB versioning will be provided during onboarding.
26	54	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.1 Automation testing	3.1 Automation testing The bidder must ensure that the automation testing tools integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution facilitate creation and usage of scripts to execute predefined test cases, reducing redundant manual efforts.	Does SBI already has automated tests available to execute?	The coverage of automation depends on the application, there are departments using automated tests via Selenium and appium.

27	54	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.1 Automation testing	Automation testing	Are automated test suite present for all 42 applications under scope?	The coverage of automation depends on the application, there are departments using automated tests via Selenium and appium. In cases where it is not present, the bidder resources will be required to assist the application departments in designing and implementing the same
28	54	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.1 Automation testing	Automation testing	Will the scope of PwC be only Automation testing? Will the functional testing be owned by client?	implementing the same Yes, functional testing will be conducted by the application owners and UAT team. The bidder is required to integrate any tooling requested by the applications to facilitate the same.
29	54	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.1 Automation testing	Automation testing	Low code drag-and-drop interface to design automation workflows without writing code. Under tools Section, it is mentioned Selenium and Appium. Kindly confirm if a no code tool is preferred or Selenium?	Currently teams use both UiPath for regression tests, and Selenium/Appium for automated tests. Usage of tooling will vary based on application

30	54	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.2 Performance testing	Performance testing	Are Performance testing suite present for all 42 applications under scope?	Performance testing suite availability depends on application to application In cases where it is not present, the bidder resources will be required to assist the application departments in designing and implementing the same
31	54	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.2 Performance testing	Performance testing	If we have the existing script for the targeted 42 application, what tool was used for scripting? Is it a single tool or multiple tools?	Usage of tools varies from application to application. In cases where it is not present, the bidder resources will be required to assist the application departments in designing and implementing the same Tooling usage varies by department, commonly used tools are JMeter and LoadRunner

32	54	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.2 Performance testing	Performance testing	Do we have a preferred Load simulation tool, either freeware or SaaS-based, for creating test suites	Tooling usage varies by department, commonly used tools are JMeter and LoadRunner
33	54	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.2 Performance testing	Performance testing	What is the maximum target load (virtual users) expected out of the Platform for performance executions	The target load will keep increasing based on the applications to be onboarded. The max number of concurrent users can be considered as 10,000 in the initial stage (GITC + TSP resources)
34	55	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.3 API testing	API testing	Are API test suite present for all 42 applications under scope?	The coverage of API testing depends on the application, there are departments using postman for API testing In cases where it is not present, the bidder resources will be required to assist the application departments in designing and implementing the same

35	55	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.3 API testing	3.3 API testing The bidder must ensure that the API testing tools integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution enable validation of the functionality, reliability, and security of application programming interfaces (APIs) to ensure they work as expected.	1. Is API test automation in scope? 2. Application Performance & Load Testing will be done by Testing team. DevSecOps team will help to automate the process? Do you need our testing team involvement?	1. Yes 2. The DevSecOps team will be involved in configuring and automating the process. In cases where the testing practice is not in place, the bidder resources will be required to provide training in leveraging the tool
36	55	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.4 Device farms	Device farms	Is any device farm currently being used?	Usage of device farms varies by applications, tools such as Browserstack are present. The bidder will be required to onboard applications onto the same and provide training in leveraging the same.
37	56	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.5 APK/IPA internal distribution	APK/IPA internal distribution	Which platform is currently being used for APK/IPA internal distribution? What is the no of mobile application under scope?	Firebase is currently being used by select departments for APK distribution

38	56	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.6 Test data management	Test data management	Which platform is currently being used for Test data management?	There is no centralized test data management platform in place, it varies based on the application
39	56	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.6 Test data management	3.6 Test data management The bidder must ensure that the test data management tool integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution should enable creation, management, and maintenance of test data. This will ensure that testing is conducted under realistic and consistent conditions.	Do generated datasets needs to be integrated with automated tests mentioned in section 3.1?	The generated datasets can be used for automated tests, but will not exclusively be used for the same. The generated data can be used for manual tests as well
40	57	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.7 Vulnerability assessment and penetration testing	Vulnerability assessment and penetration testing	How many API endpoint, Web URLs are in scope for scanning	This will be shared at time of onboarding.

41	53/57	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 2.3 Code Security Testing / 3.7 Vulnerability assessment and penetration testing / 3.8 Software composition analysis (SCA)	Dashboarding & ticketing	1. ITSM integration is it also part of the scope? 2. Is the scope enabled SecOps tools for multiple pipelines such as UAT/Prod etc.? 3. Artifact signing and validation is not in scope? Please confirm	The integration of ITSM is in scope, for example it can be done for approval of change requests. Yes, the scope is enabled for multiple environment pipelines Artifact signing and validation is in-scope
42	57	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 3. Testing and verification 3.8 Software composition analysis (SCA)	3.8 Software composition analysis (SCA) The bidder must ensure that the SCA tool integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution analyses the application's dependencies and third-party libraries to identify known vulnerabilities, icensing issues, and compliance risks.	Bidders DevSecOps mgmt portal can show the data from jFrog Xray, Blackduck and Gitlab security feature to visualize the security posture of app for consumption	The bidder can configure the visualizations as discussed. In addition, the bidder will be required to incorporate the metrics from the "Dashboarding & metrics" section. The
				suggestion	finalized dashboards will be as per discussion between bidder and bank

43	58	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 4. Packaging and releasing of developed components 4.2 Cluster build update	4.2 Cluster build update The bidder must ensure that the cluster build update tool integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution enables update of build and configurations for clustered environments, ensuring that the software can be deployed and managed across multiple nodes or instances.	1. Is helm chart creation, onboarding, and execution part of scope? 2. Where are secrets managed or planned to be managed? 3. Cluster build update: What kind of cluster is referenced here?	Helm chart creation, onboarding and execution will be application to selective containerized applications Secret management practices vary based on application This is to use tools such as helm charts to manage and orchestrate kubernetes cluster deployments
44	59	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 4. Packaging and releasing of developed components 4.3 Container platform stack	4.3 Container platform stack The bidder must ensure that the container platform stack integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution enables creation and management of containerized environments for deploying and running applications, ensuring consistency and scalability across different environments.	Is OCP/K8 build and support in scope or only integration with DevSecOps? Which tool is finalized?	OCP/K8 is present in selective applications. Build and support of OCP/K8 is in-scope based on application use-case

45	59	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 4. Packaging and releasing of developed components 4.3 Container platform stack	Container platform stack	What is the no of applications running as containerized workload out of these 42 applications?	Containerization adoption varies based on application. In the first year applications (14), less than 30% of applications are leveraging containerized applications
46	59	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 4. Packaging and releasing of developed components 4.4 Artifactory (Repository Management)	Artifactory (Repository Management)	Which Artifactory is being used now?	Usage of artifactory varies based on application, a few examples of tools in- use are JFrog Artifactory and Nexus
47	60	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 5. Configuration	Configuration	Which configuration management tool is being used now?	Configuration management tool adoption varies based on application. Deployments are manual, or can use tools such as Ansible

48	60	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 5. Configuration	5. Configuration The DevSecOps solution setup by the bidder must enable the handling of configuration changes to maintain the integrity and traceability of the software and environment throughout the SDLC. This includes defining, storing, and managing configurations for servers, applications, network devices, and other components.	1. List of components for which configuration needs to be written, deployed and managed. Bidder recommends Ansible for configuration management. 2. Is deployment of configuration management tool in scope?	1. Ansible can be used for configuration management, and can be finalized based on agreement with the bank 2. Deployment of configuration management tool is inscope, and must facilitate use cases such as drift monitoring and management
49	60	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 6. Monitoring 6.1 Incident management	Incident management	Which Incident management tool is being used now?	BMC Remedy/Helix is currently in use
50	61	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 6. Monitoring 6.4 Log aggregation and management	Log aggregation and management	Is there any regulatory requirement for complete isolation of prod and non-prod environment?	As per bank's IT/IS Policy

51	61	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 6. Monitoring 6.4 Log aggregation and management	6.4 Log aggregation and management The bidder must ensure that the log aggregation tool integrated as part of the DevSecOps solution enables generation, collection, centralization, indexing and analysis of logs from bank applications to gain insights into application performance and overall security.	Our understanding is that Log Management is not under our scope. Is that Correct?	Log management setup for DevSecOps will be under the scope of the work
52	63	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule)	Dashboarding and metrics The bidder resources will be required to develop detailed dashboards to be leveraged by both bank leadership and application owners. Integrate metrics into workflows to ensure continuous monitoring and reporting.	1. Suggestion: Bidder DevSecOps mgmt portal can show the data in form of dashbaords for leadership and app owner view as single pane of glass. Bibber will explore and identify if all metrices are availble through APIs. 2. Is it required to do a custom development of Dashboards, or introduce the tools, having the feature to measure the given metrics?	1. Good Suggestion. Dashboard implementation must enable monitoring of critical DevSecOps metrics stated in the metrics section. The mode of representation will be based on the agreement between bank and bidder, and must enable continuous tracking of metrics. 2. The tools will be containing the metrics, and in case additional measurement tools are required, bidder can inform the bank of the same. Dashboards must be developed to enable monitoring of key metrics

53	64	Appendix-E (Scope of	Implementation Framework	This will be	As per RFP.
		Work and Payment		managed through	
		Schedule)		Bidder's DevSecOps	
				mgmt portal	
54	65	Appendix-E (Scope of	8. Indicative list of tools	1. Indicative list of	1. Yes, the bank will
		Work and Payment	The bank has prepared an indicative	tools: There could	consider procurement
		Schedule)	list of tools for each sub-stage to help	be additional tools	of licenses based on
		8. Indicative list of tools	the bank achieve the target state	requirement, based	the requirements.
			DevSecOps toolchain. The resources	on the assessment of	Procurement will be
			provided by the bidder are expected	application. Is the	based on discretion of
			to have specialized expertise in the	Bank open to	the bank, and bank can
			finalized tools.	procure the licenses	request bidder
				for that?	assistance in
					procurement
				2. Indicative list of	
				tools: Is the given	2. Bidder can
				list of tools final or	recommend new tools
				based on the	if deemed necessary,
				assessment, we	so that the bank can
				should be able to	ensure comprehensive
				recommend new	design of tools
				tools.	
					3. Presence of tools
				3. Are there any	depends on application
				existing tools or	to application, and the
				systems that need to	integration will need to
				be integrated with	cater to individual
				the new DevSecOps	application
				platform?	requirements

55	65	Appendix-E (Scope of	Additional considerations	There are a list of	1. The list of tools
		Work and Payment		the tools which are	mentioned in the RFP
		Schedule)		mentioned in the	are indicative, and
		Additional considerations		RFP to set up the	subject to change based
				platform validated	on discretion of the
				by each department.	bank. In case there are
				Should we consider	changes required,
				these tools as the	bidder may suggest the
				final ones for	same.
				creating the	
				DevSecOps	2. If additional tools
				platform?	are purchased, then the
					bidder is required to
				If additional tools	conduct diligence on
				are needed to be	capabilities. Any
				brought in based on	additional, or missing
				the answer to the	capabilities are to be
				above question,	discussed with the
				when will it be	bank
				verified that it	
				matches all the	
				expectations for	
				each area as	
				mentioned in the	
				RFP?	

56	66	Appendix-E (Scope of	14 resources required and will be	The scope in the	As per RFP.
		Work and Payment	used as per the defined	RFP is unclear.	_
		Schedule)	categorization based on project	However, the	
			requirements. The bank reserves the	requirement of 14	
		9. Resource	right to request additional resources	resources is	
		requirements	or reduce deployed resources from	mentioned on a	
			the bidder as per change in project	man-month basis.	
			requirements. Resources engaged	We request the Bank	
			needs to meet our specified	to provide	
			educational qualification,	clarification on the	
			certification requirements and years	basis of the resource	
			of experience. The resources already	count calculation.	
			engaged with other projects may not		
			be preferred to be engaged with the	Please refer to the	
			task under this project. The actual	example below: 1	
			number of resources may increase or	Project Manager is	
			decrease depending on the actual	requested for 37	
			requirements during the	months. However,	
			implementation and support phase.	the scope in the RFP	
			: Total namical of an accomment	does not clarify the	
			i. Total period of engagement – Five Year.	application quantification, so we	
			rive rear.	would like to	
				understand the basis	
				for the requirement	
				of 1 Project	
				Manager for 37	
				months.	
				Additionally, the	
				overall cost is	
				expected for 5 years.	
				We request the Bank	
				to provide complete	
				clarity on the scope,	

				including the technology stack and applications to be worked upon and let vendor to estimate resource requirements accurately. Alternatively, we propose that the vendor be allowed to provide skilled resources solely on a Time and Materials (T&M) basis for the entire 5-year period, with complete ownership of the work managed by SBI	
57	66	Appendix-E (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) 9. Resource requirements	14 resources required and will be used as per the defined categorization based on project requirements.	1. Is the State Bank of India Global IT Center, Navi Mumbai is the primary location for all these resources? 2. Will the majority of these resources be required to work from the office, or will remote work be permitted? 3. Will the resources	 Yes No remote work As per Bank's requirement It is on Man-Months basis

				need to work night shifts? 4. What is the specific leave policy for these resources? Are they entitled to sick leave, casual leave, vacation leave, and other types of leave?	
58	68	Appendix-F (Indicative Price Bid)	The bid should be submitted as the total cost of the project i.e., implementation and support of Centralized DevSecOps Platform for the period of 5-years.	To ensure accurate cost estimation, please clarify whether we should provide a detailed	As per RFP.
59	169	Appendix-Q (Tentative Resource Requirement Workplan)	Role wise resource split-up given for each financial year.	"5-year cost breakdown based on the role-wise resource projections in Appendix Q" (or) "if a total cost estimate for all 14 resources over the 5- year period" is sufficient.	
60	68	Appendix-F (Indicative Price Bid)	Indicative commercial bid for Engaging competent for fourteen (14) resources for	It is mentioned in the RFP that the requirement is for 14 resources to be deployed within 7 days of PO. Please clarify if the	The requirement of resource skills has been provided in appendix-M, and the proposed resource count has been specified in Appendix-F.

				resource grouping into different skills is at the discretion of the bidder or if there is a required count of resources across different skillsets	Month-wise requirement can be found in Appendix-N
61	74	Appendix–I (Other terms and Penalties)	Other terms and Penalties: SLA and penalty regarding resource deployment: The bidder must ensure that the resources deployed are available for one man-month, i.e., 24 working days for every month. In case of non-adherence, the penalties mentioned below shall be applied Sr. No. Service Level category Penalty Calculation 1 Onsite Resource deployment Rs. 25000/- per resource per missing man-day	What is the maximum penalty cap for the given SLA penalty	As per RFP.
62	74	Appendix–I (Other terms and Penalties)	The bidders should deploy 14 resources on-site for implementing and supporting Centralized DevSecOps Platform as per Skill-set and educational/professional criteria of this RFP within 7 days from the date of issuance of PO	Please clarify if the bidder has to share the resource CVs before the deployment and then we will be given grace period to swap out unselected resources or we have to deploy the resources first and	The bidder should share the resources CVs before deployment.

				then the interviews shall happen	
63	75	Appendix–J (Service Level Agreement)	Service Level Agreement	Given that this is a Time and Material project where the deliverables are owned by the Bank, we'd like to understand the rationale behind imposing SLAs on the Service Provider's resources. Pls remove Appendix J as it is not applicable in this RFP	SLA must to be executed by the Bidder
64	78	Appendix–J (Service Level Agreement)	Parties understand and agree that under this Agreement, the Bank may time to time, based on its actual requirements issue separate Purchase Order(s) to Service Provider for providing resources on T&M basis and there is no minimum or prior commitment for such orders under this Agreement.	Bidder needs clarity if the scope will be T&M or a Fixed basis for 5 years	T&M basis

65	80	Appendix–J (Service Level Agreement) 1. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION	1.1.9 "EOI" shall mean REQUEST FOR EMPANELMENT OF IT COMPANIES FOR PROVIDING NICHE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR VARIOUS APPLICATIONS AND IT INITIATIVES OF THE BANK SKILL WISE vide RFP No. SBI/GITC/IT-PartnerRelationship/2023/2024/1042 Dated: 22.09.2023 and unless otherwise specifically stated under this Agreement shall also include the Empanelment Agreement executed between the Bank and Service	Bidder clarifies the term of this RFP to be considered	As per RFP.
66	83	Appendix–J (Service Level Agreement) 3.4 Payments	Provider in pursuant to EOI. 3.4 Payments 3.4.2 The Bank may withhold payment of any product/services that it disputes in good faith and may set-off penalty amount or any other amount which Service Provider owes to the Bank against amount payable to Service provider under this Agreement. However, before levying penalty or recovery of any damages, the Bank shall provide a written notice to Service Provider indicating the reasons for such penalty or recovery of damages. Service Provider shall have the liberty to present its case in writing together with documentary evidences, if any, within 21 (twenty one) days. Penalty or damages, if any, recoverable from	Bidder request there shall not be any withholding of invoices in case of any disputes	As per RFP.

	Service Provider shall be recovered by the Bank through a credit note or revised invoices. In case Service Provider fails to issue credit note/ revised invoice, the Bank shall have right to withhold the payment or set-off penal amount from current invoices.	
--	---	--

67	90	Appendix–J (Service Level	6.1 Service Provider agrees and	Proposed - While	As per RFP.
		Agreement)	hereby keeps the Bank indemnified	we appreciate the	
			and hold harmless against all claims,	intent behind the	
		6. GENERAL	actions, loss, damages,, costs,	proposed indemnity	
		INDEMNITY	expenses, charges, including legal	clause, We believe	
			expenses (Attorney, Advocates fees	that an indemnity	
			included) which the Bank may suffer	clause of this nature	
			or incur on account of (i) Services	could have potential	
			Provider's breach of its warranties,	legal and	
			covenants, responsibilities,	commercial	
			declarations or obligations; or (ii)	implications for both	
			breach of confidentiality obligations	parties. We would	
			mentioned in this Agreement; or (iii)	be open to exploring	
			any willful misconduct and gross	alternative risk-	
			negligent acts on the part of	sharing mechanisms	
			employees, agents, representatives or	that are more	
			sub-contractors (if allowed) of	equitable and	
			Service Provider. Service Provider	aligned with	
			agrees to make good the loss	industry standards.	
			suffered by the Bank. The Service	We believe that a	
			provider shall indemnify and keep	more balanced	
			fully and effectively indemnified and	approach,	
			hold harmless the Bank against any	considering the	
			fine or penalty levied on the Bank for	specific	
			improper payment of tax for the	circumstances of the	
			reasons attributable to the Service	project, would be	
			Provider	mutually beneficial.	
			6.2 Service Provider hereby		
			undertakes the responsibility to take		
			all possible measures, at no		
			additional cost, to avoid or rectify		
			any issues which thereby results in		
			nonperformance of software/		
			hardware/ deliverables within		
			reasonable time. The Bank shall		

	report as far as possible all material defects to Service Provider without undue delay. Service Provider also undertakes to co-operate with other service providers thereby ensuring expected performance covered under scope of work.	
--	--	--

68	92	Appendix–J (Service Level	16.1 The Bank may, without	Proposed: Both	As per RFP.
		Agreement)	prejudice to any other remedy for	parties understand	_
			breach of Agreement, by written	that unforeseen	
		16.TERMINATION	notice of not less than 30 (thirty)	circumstances may	
			days, terminate the Agreement or	arise, and either	
			respective Purchase Order/SOW in	party may need to	
			whole or in part:	terminate the	
			(a) If Service Provider fails to deliver	Agreement under	
			any or all the obligations within the	such circumstances.	
			time period specified in the		
			Agreement or respective Purchase	EY will include	
			Order/SOW, or any extension thereof	flexible termination	
			granted by the Bank;	provisions in the	
			(b) If Service Provider fails to	Agreement,	
			perform any other obligation(s)	recognizing that	
			under the Agreement or respective	unforeseen	
			Purchase Order/SOW;	circumstances may	
			(c) Violations of any terms and	arise and that a	
			conditions stipulated in the RFP;	collaborative	
			(d) On happening of any termination	approach to contract	
			event mentioned herein above in this	termination is	
			Agreement. Prior to providing a	beneficial for both	
			written notice of termination to	parties.	
			Service Provider under above		
			mentioned sub-clause (i) to (iii), the	"In the event of	
			Bank shall provide Service Provider	unforeseen	
			with a written notice of 30 (thirty)	circumstances or	
			days to cure such breach of the	changes in	
			Agreement. If the breach continues	regulatory	
			or remains unrectified after expiry of	requirements that	
			cure period, the Bank shall have right	materially impact	
			to initiate action in accordance with	our ability to	
			above clause.	provide the agreed-	
			16.2 Notwithstanding anything	upon services, EY	
			contrary contained in this	may, in its sole	

Agreement, the Bank may cancel the respective Purchase Order/SOW immediately by giving written notice to Service Provider, if Service Provider fails to meet the delivery schedule/timelines as defined in this Agreement and/or respective Purchase Order(s)/SOW. 16.3 The Bank, by written notice of not less than 90 (ninety) days, may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for the Bank's convenience, the extent to which performance of the Service Provider under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. In the event of termination of the Agreement for the Bank's convenience, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payment for the Services rendered (delivered) up to the effective date of termination. 16.4 In the event the Bank terminates the Agreement or respective Purchase Order/SOW in whole or in part for the breaches attributable to Service Provider, the bank may procure, upon such terms and in such manner, as it deems appropriate, Services similar to those undelivered and subject to clause 20 Service

discretion, terminate the Agreement or specific Services"

Provider shall be liable to the Bank for any increase in costs for such similar Services. However, Service Provider, in case of part termination, shall continue the performance of the Agreement or respective Purchase Order to the extent not terminated. 16.5 The Bank shall have a right to terminate the Agreement or respective Purchase Order/SOW immediately by giving a notice in writing to Service Provider in the following eventualities: (i) If any Receiver/Liquidator is appointed in connection with the business of Service Provider or Service Provider transfers substantial assets in favour of its creditors or any orders / directions are issued by any Authority / Regulator which has the effect of suspension of the business of Service Provider. (ii) If Service Provider applies to the Court or passes a resolution for voluntary winding up of or any other creditor / person files a petition for winding up or dissolution of Service Provider. (iii) If any acts of commission or omission on the part of Service Provider or its agents, employees, sub-contractors or representatives, in the reasonable opinion of the Bank tantamount to fraud or prejudicial to the interest of the Bank or its

employees.	
(iv) Any document, information, data	
or statement submitted by Service	
Provider in response to RFP, based	
on which Service Provider was	
considered eligible or successful, is	
found to be false, incorrect or	
misleading.	
16.6 In the event of the termination	
of the Agreement or respective	
Purchase Order/SOW Service	
Provider shall be liable and	
responsible to return to the Bank all	
records, documents, data and	
information including Confidential	
Information pertains to or relating to	
the Bank in its possession.	
16.7 In the event of termination of	
the Agreement or respective	
Purchase Order/SOW for material	
breach, the Bank shall have the right	
to report such incident in accordance	
with the mandatory reporting	
obligations under the applicable law	
or regulations.	
16.8 Upon termination or expiration	
of this Agreement, all rights and	
obligations of the Parties hereunder	
shall cease, except such rights and	
obligations as may have accrued on	
the date of termination or expiration;	
the obligation of indemnity;	
obligation of payment;	
confidentiality obligation; Governing	
Law clause; Dispute resolution	
	<u>'</u>

	clause; and any right which a Party	
	may have under the applicable Law	

69	92	Appendix–J (Service Level	16. TERMINATION	In any event of	As per RFP.
		Agreement)		termination of this	r r
		16. TERMINATION		SoW/Agreement	
				Bank shall pay	
				Kyndryl for all the	
				products and	
				Services provided up	
				to the effective date	
				of termination, in	
				addition for products	
				which are in transit	
				or orders already	
				placed with	
				respective OEMs,	
				prepaid expenses	
				(AMC, Subscription,	
				support) or value of	
				unamortized	
				investments made by	
				Kyndryl and any	
				expenses Kyndryl	
				incurs through	
				termination. Non-	
				payment is also a	
				material breach	
				Bidder clarifies	
				Kyndryl should also	
				have a right to	
				terminate for non	
				payment with 30	
				days notice to Bank	

70	93	Appendix–J (Service Level Agreement) 16. TERMINATION	16. TERMINATION 16.3 The Bank, by written notice of not less than 90 (ninety) days, may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for the Bank's	In any event of termination of this SoW/Agreement Bank shall pay Kyndryl for all the products and Services provided up to the effective date of termination, in	As per RFP.
			performance of the Service Provider under the contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. In the event of termination of the Agreement for the Bank's convenience, Service Provider shall be entitled to receive payment for the Services rendered (delivered) up to the effective date of termination.	which are in transit or orders already placed with respective OEMs, prepaid expenses (AMC, Subscription, support) or value of unamortized investments made by Kyndryl and any expenses Kyndryl incurs through termination. Nonpayment is also a material breach Bidder clarifies Kyndryl should also have a right to terminate for non payment with 30 days notice to Bank	

71	93	Appendix–J (Service Level	16. TERMINATION	Bidder seeks	As per RFP.
		Agreement)	16 A In the count the Deale to an instance	Relaxation for the	
		16. TERMINATION	16.4 In the event the Bank terminates	said Risk purchase clause	
			the Agreement or respective Purchase Order/SOW in whole or in	ciause	
			part for the breaches attributable to		
			Service Provider, the bank may procure, upon such terms and in such		
			manner, as it deems appropriate,		
			Services similar to those undelivered		
			and subject to clause 20 Service		
			Provider shall be liable to the Bank		
			for any increase in costs for such		
			similar Services. However, Service		
			Provider, in case of part termination,		
			shall continue the performance of the		
			Agreement or respective Purchase		
			Order to the extent not terminated.		
72	94	Appendix–J (Service Level	16. TERMINATION	Bidder seeks to have	As per RFP.
		Agreement)		a 30 days notice	
		16. TERMINATION	16.5 The Bank shall have a right to	period in case of the	
			terminate the Agreement or	given termination	
			respective Purchase Order/SOW	events, also	
			immediately by giving a notice in		
			writing to Service Provider in the	In any event of	
			following eventualities:	termination of this	
				SoW/Agreement	
				Bank shall pay	
				Kyndryl for all the	
				products and	
				Services provided up	
				to the effective date	
				of termination, in	
				addition for products	
				which are in transit	

73	95	Appendix–J (Service Level Agreement) 22. NOTICES	22. NOTICES	or orders already placed with respective OEMs, prepaid expenses (AMC, Subscription, support) or value of unamortized investments made by Kyndryl and any expenses Kyndryl incurs through termination. Nonpayment is also a material breach How will changes in project scope or requirements be	As per RFP.
74	96	Appendix–J (Service Level	23.4 NON-HIRE AND NON-	managed? Proposed - Given	As per RFP.
		Agreement) 23.GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS	SOLICITATION: During the term of this Agreement and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party shall (either directly or indirectly through a third party) employ, solicit to employ, cause to be solicited for the purpose of employment or offer employment to any employee(s) of the other party, or aid any third person to do so, without the specific written consent of the other party. However nothing in this clause shall affect the Bank's regular recruitments as per its recruitment policy and not targeted	the competitive nature of the talent market, non-solicitation clauses can limit our ability to attract and retain top talent. We believe that a more flexible approach would be beneficial for both parties.	The port are the

			to the employees of Service provider.		
75	99	Appendix-J (Service Level Agreement) ANNEXURE-A (DELIVERABLES/SCOPE OF WORK) 8. Risk Management	DELIVERABLES/SCOPE OF WORK 8. Risk Management	What are the identified risks for this project, and what mitigation strategies are in place?	As per RFP.
76	107	Appendix-J (Service Level Agreement) ANNEXURE-E (PENALTY FOR NON PERFORMANCE OF SLA)	PENALTY FOR NON PERFORMANCE OF SLA	The penalty clauses mentioned in this annexure are empty, please clarify	As per RFP.
77	108	Appendix-J (Service Level Agreement) ANNEXURE-E (PENALTY FOR NON PERFORMANCE OF SLA)	PENALTY FOR NON PERFORMANCE OF SLA	Bidder seeks clarity on the SLA Penalty metrics/ Mechanism and capping	As per RFP.

78	109	Appendix-J (Service Level Agreement) ANNEXURE-F (Transition & Knowledge Transfer Plan)	3. General	Bidder clarifies that any Transition services shall be provided upon payment for such services to bidder in advance	As per RFP.
79	109	Appendix-F	Indicative Price Bid	What are the expectations for training and knowledge transfer to the bank's internal teams?	The bidder will be required to ensure that the tools integrated as part of the application onboarding can be adopted by the application tech team. This involved setup of tools, configuration, training to facilitate usage of tools, documentation on processes to be followed to ensure tooling usage. The bank reserves the right to request extensive training and knowledge transfer as per project progression, to ensure that the DevSecOps platform can be leveraged by the respective departments
80	120	Appendix-G (Certificate of Local Content)	Certificate of Local Content	How will data security and privacy be managed, especially	As per bank's IT/IS Policy

				concerning sensitive banking information?	
81	125	ANNEXURE-G (Data Processing Agreement)	The Processor shall make available to State Bank of India and any	Proposed - While we understand the	Not applicable
		Frocessing Agreement)	supervisory authority or their	desire for	
		3. PROCESSOR	representatives the information	transparency, it's	
		OBLIGATIONS:	necessary to demonstrate its	important to balance	
		2 9 Audit Dichter	compliance with this Agreement and allow for and contribute to audits and	this with the need to	
		3.8 Audit Rights:	inspections by allowing State Bank	protect sensitive information. We	
			of India, its Client, a supervisory	believe that a more	
			authority or their representatives to	balanced approach	
			conduct an audit or inspection of that	to information	
			part of the Processor's business	sharing, considering	
			which is relevant to the Services [on	the specific nature of	
			at least an annual basis (or more	the engagement and	
			frequently when mandated by a relevant supervisory authority or to	the sensitivity of the information, would	
			comply with the Data Protection	be mutually	
			Legislation) and] on reasonable	beneficial.	
			notice, in relation to the Processing		
			of Personal Data by the Processor.		

82	149	Appendix–N (PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT) 6. Fall Clause	PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT 6. Fall Clause The BIDDER undertakes that it has not supplied/is not supplying similar product/systems or subsystems at a price lower than that offered in the present Bid in respect of any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or PSU or any other Bank and if it is found at any stage that similar product/systems or sub systems was supplied by the BIDDER to any other Ministry/Department of the Government of India or a PSU or a Bank at a lower price, then that very	Bidder seeks deletion of the clause	As per RFP.
			price, with due allowance for elapsed time, will be applicable to the present case and the difference in the cost would be refunded by the BIDDER to the BUYER, if the contract has already been concluded.		
83	151	Appendix–N (PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT) 7. Independent Monitors	PRE CONTRACT INTEGRITY PACT 7. Independent Monitors 7.6 The BIDDER(s) accepts that the Monitor has the right to access without restriction to all Project documentation of the BUYER including that provided by the BIDDER. The BIDDER will also grant the Monitor, upon his request and demonstration of a valid interest, unrestricted and unconditional access	Bidder clarifies, is not obligated to share any information relating to Bidder's costs, Bidder proprietary data, confidential information of Bidder's other customers and internal audit reports of the Bidder.	As per RFP.

			to his project documentation. The same is applicable to Subcontractors. The Monitor shall be under contractual obligation to treat the information and documents of the BIDDER/Subcontractor(s) with confidentiality.		
84	158	Appendix-P	Resource profiles	Are there any specific training programs or certifications required for the resources involved in this project?	All qualifications and resource requirements have been mentioned for each profile. These are the minimum qualifications and the bidder can provide profiles with extensive training and experience in DevSecOps implementation
85	163	Appendix-Q (Tentative Resource Requirement Workplan)	Tentative Resource Requirement Workplan The tentative workplan with roles and resource requirement across phases of the project have been listed below. The list displayed below is subject to change at the discretion of the bank based on project requirements and the bidder is expected to accommodate changes in the same.	The price bid and terms are basis the given projection, in case of any changes the prices are also subject to changes	As per RFP

86	General Question	Bidder requests that all Legal, Financial and Penalty related clauses can be mutually agreed upon if contract is awarded to the bidder	As per RFP.
87	General Question	Could you provide details of the existing defects, issues and challenges of the current Setup	The bank currently has siloed application development, with each department leveraging their own SDLC process and tooling. This has led to reliance on manual development and testing processes, and lack of standardization in toolchain across the bank. We seek to increase the importance given to tool standardization, automation of processes, and focus on testing and security processes through this project

applications, Internet and Intranet facing applications, 3-tier architecture(App, We and DB) including legacy applications	88	General Question	Kindly provide Technology Stack and details of applications in scope. E.g. Name of the Applications, the number of modules/Repo	and Intranet facing applications, 3-tier architecture(App, Web and DB) including legacy applications
89 General Question What would be the various PROD/PROD/DR environments, the environments. It may	89	General Question	various	PROD/PROD/DR

			DevSecOps Tools vary from application to application. Dev/ Test/ Prod
90	NA	General Question	1. What is the tech stack of the 42 applications that are in scope of this engagement? 2. What is the no of non-prod environments present for each application? 3. Any preferred tool for service mesh? 4. Is there a list compliance requirements that needs to be followed for the DevSecOps platform? If yes, please share the details. 5. Is DR applicable for the DevSecOps platform? platform? 1. The technologies in scope vary by application, a list of technologies (non-exhaustive) for year 1 applications are as follows: Front-end: Angular, HTML, CSS, Java, Kotlin, Angular, Bootstrap etc. Middleware: Java, Kony, C#, Node.js etc. Springboot, C#, .net, Cognos, node.js, VB, etc. In general we have web & mobile, Monolithic/Service Oriented/Microservice architecture based applications, Internet and Intranet facing applications, 3-tier architecture(App, Web and DB) including legacy applications

 1		
		2. Will be shared at the time of DevSecOps platform designing
		3. Will be discussed during Pre-Bid meeting
		4. Will be shared during setting up of DevSecOps platform
		5. Yes applicable