

Ref	Question	Answer
Q1	We would like to explore this opportunity further.	The SSRO has chosen to procure this service through an open competitive on Contracts Finder. Please refer to the Invitation to Tender for further information on the opportunity”.
Q2	<p>With respect to your recent ITT for Senior Information Risk Advisor (SIRA) Services and the requirement at Reference A, for a SIRA Lead Practitioner.</p> <p>A. Appendix 1, Specification, section 2.18 (Service Approach/Management)</p> <p>The requirement appears to be better suited to that of a Service Delivery Manager. Why is a Lead Practitioner required to undertake this role when a more cost effective/appropriate resource may be used?</p>	The SSRO anticipates that oversight and some input at Lead Practitioner level will be required due to the stakeholder, legislative and policy context. The Lead Practitioner providing oversight and service management should minimise the number of personnel involved in the engagement so that knowledge and relationships can build up.
Q3	I'm looking to speak with someone with reference to the Security & Information Risk contract. I'm looking to understand this contract service in a bit more detail prior to confirming our interest to submit a response.	<p>Please refer to the Invitation to Tender attached to the contract notice for further information on the opportunity.</p> <p>Please ensure that any specific questions are submitted through the email address stated in the Invitation to Tender. We will upload to Contracts Finder all questions and answers to ensure fairness, so we are unable to enter into direct conversations with bidders during the procurement period.</p>
Q4	Is there an incumbent or has there recently been one? If so, who?	The SSRO has been advised by Hex Security Ltd. to date.
Q5	I would be pleased to know more about the contract requirement, and the selection process, in anticipation of applying to become your chosen SIRA Services supplier?	<p>Please refer to the Invitation to Tender attached to the contract notice for further information on the opportunity.</p> <p>Please ensure that any specific questions are submitted through the email address stated in the Invitation to Tender. We will upload to Contracts</p>

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Q6	<p>The value of the contract is indicated as £83k over the 'term of the contract'. Can you please clarify if this relates to the initial 2-year period, or includes the additional 2 * 1-year extensions? How have you calculated this £83k value?</p> <p>Also, there is mention that you anticipate it will need between eight and fifteen days of service per annum (or approximately 50 days over the contract period) and that potential additional services (paragraph 2.17) may require up to 35 days service over the entire contract period. Again, can you please clarify what period this relates to i.e. initial 2-year period or including the 2 * 1-year extensions i.e. 4 years.</p>	The ITT estimates the contract will run up to four years, up to a value of £83,000 to cover an estimated 85 days.
Q7	Is there a contractor already engaged with SSRO undertaking work linked to this opportunity?	The SSRO has been advised by Hex Security Ltd. to date.
Q8	Please can you confirm that ITT SIRA 3.4 assumes the contract will run for the full 48 months, therefore the total estimated number of days is 85 (with a value of £83, 000) over a period of 48 months.	The ITT estimates the contract will run up to four years, up to a value of £83,000 to cover an estimated 85 days.
Q9	Please can you advise if there is an incumbent supplier in place currently carrying out this work.	The SSRO has been advised by Hex Security Ltd. to date.
Q10	<p>In Appendix 1, Specification - 2.20 it states: Much of the work can be delivered at the Contractor's site(s), though full or part day attendance at the SSRO's office.</p> <p>Is the SSRO office you are referring to in Holborn, London?</p>	Yes, the office referred to is in Holborn, London
Q11	Please can you advise where the presentation to SSRO by the top 3 bidders on Thursday 28th November is likely to take place.	SSRO Office, Holborn, London
Q12	Can I please check if this clause is pass or fail?	The specification and the Invitation to Tender state that Cyber Essentials Plus certification is a requirement. As such, the SSRO cannot accept bids from organisations who do not hold this certification.

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