

Announcement Type: Open Competition Cooperative Agreement
Funding Opportunity Title: Strategic Trade Controls South and Central Asia and Mongolia
Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0009163
NOFO Qs & As

Q1. For the activity "Engagement with Central Asian countries" (up to \$300,000), are applicants required to cover all four countries listed (Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan), or can they select one or two countries to focus on for \$300,000?

A1. Yes, we request engagement with all four countries.

Q2. Strategic Trade Controls South and Central Asia and Mongolia Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0009163: Page 5: The NOFO mentioned that "These activities will build on previous engagements of legal/regulatory and practical implementation matters conducted since 2012". Q: what previous engagements has EXBS had there during this period? Would it be possible to provide a brief overview/list of engagements to be able to better align the solution.

A2. EXBS has provided SME legal/regulatory guidance to host governments on a periodic basis. There have been virtual or telephone consults in recent years, preceded by some in-person specialized small group meetings. These countries are in various stages of STC development and we seek to provide SME consultations to assist with technical questions.

Q3. Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0009163: Page 7, Point D: Is the implementer only required to identify similar opportunities for national or regional conferences hosted by multilateral development organizations like WCO, or are they also required to handle the logistics for participants to attend these meetings?

A3. If the implementer identifies an opportunity for engagement through an event arranged by an international organization, we are asking that the

**implementer would manage the logistics for their participation in such events.
Logistics for participant travel would be arranged separately.**