

1. Is self-assessment by the target countries an acceptable approach for executing assessments? Or is the grant applicant required to audit critical infrastructure operators to identify vulnerable systems and critical data?

By “assessment,” we are intending that the applicant will conduct a comprehensive review of the current ability of proposed country or countries to absorb, apply, and implement the post-quantum cryptography standards published by NIST.

2. What countries are considered a priority in the Indo-Pacific?

We do not propose a list of priority countries. The applicant is welcome to propose the set of countries they believe is best suited to this program and training.

3. What is the minimum number of countries to cover in proposals?

There is no minimum; a competitive proposal, however, is likely to focus on more than just one country.

4. Does the application require a letter of support from target countries?

No, but letters of support are welcomed as optional addenda to applications.

5. Do proposals need to address all the 5 objectives listed on p.3 of the NOFO, or can proposals focus only on some subset of them?

Yes, all proposals must address all five objectives in the NOFO to be considered competitive.