



Request for proposals for Audit Services – # 2016-10

The **Science and Technology Center of Ukraine** (Kyiv), in conjunction with the **International Science and Technology Center** (Astana), in response to requests for clarification, issues the following answers for joint request for proposals for audit services for the years ending 31st December 2016 and 2017.

Question	Answer
1 Can you please let us know what audit fee was charged in the previous two years for both organisations?	For reasons of commercial confidentiality we will not provide this information.
2 If we were to subcontract work to network firms in Ukraine and Kazakhstan, would this be acceptable to you?	No. It is clearly stated in the Request for Proposals in two places and in bold type that the audits cannot be carried out by offices or firms in the Former Soviet Union. This extends to staff of such firms and offices sub contracted, seconded or through any such arrangement working for an eligible firm.
3 Would it be possible to have a scoping conversation with you to discuss the tender in more detail?	To ensure an open, competitive and impartial tender this is not possible. However, we refer you to the Request for Proposals document and in particular to Instructions to Auditors, VI Terms and Conditions, E Clarification of Terms on page 7.
4 Is the audit tender being undertaken due to good governance reasons?	Yes
5 Are the matters that led to the audit reports being qualified likely to continue to be relevant for the forthcoming audit periods?	Yes
6 How long does the audit take (staff hours etc) and when would you like the audits to take place?	We expect the potential auditors to inform the Centers of the time it will take them to perform the audits and not vice versa. We require our audits to be completed before the spring / early summer board meetings which are usually held in May or June.

Before submitting a proposal, the potential Auditor is strongly recommended to read the Tender Dossier.

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