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Limited Request for Proposal (RFP)

For

Conducting VA and PT of IT Infrastructure at IDRBT Locations

**Institute for Development and Research in Banking
Technology, Castle Hills, Road No.1, Masab Tank, Hyderabad –
500057, TS.**

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1. Introduction

Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) is an Autonomous body established by Reserve Bank of India to offer Certifying Authority Service, Research and Training activities in banking technologies for Indian Banking sector.

2. Objective

IDRBT has comprehensively employed technology over the years to efficiently discharge its duties in day to day functioning. Centrally hosted IT applications provide high uptime of application services on 24x7 basis, to Member banks over INFINET & INTERNET network.

IDRBT periodically reviews its IT Infrastructure deployed at IDRBT locations and takes adequate measures to upgrade/refresh the infrastructure with the latest technology available to meet the current requirements of IDRBT. The main objective of this Limited RFP is to Conduct VA and PT on the existing IT Infrastructure by a latest CERT-In empanelled Auditor/Agency, to improved performance, utilization and security posture of IDRBT.

3. Statement of Purpose

IDRBT invites password protected bids by email from the Latest CERT-In empanelled audit agencies for Conducting VA and PT of IT Infrastructure at IDRBT Hyderabad and Mumbai from IDRBT, Hyderabad.

4. Limited RFP Schedule

The following table is an indicative time frame for the overall process. The IDRBT reserves the right to vary this time frame at its absolute and sole discretion and without providing any notice/intimation or reasons thereof. The indicative tendering schedule process is as under.

Sr. No.	Process	Date
1	Issue of Limited RFP Document	8 th April 2026
2	Last date for receipt of queries over e-mail from bidders	9 th April 2026 by 15:00 Hrs
3	Date & Time of Final Submission of password protected Bids by email.	10 th April 2026, 15:00 Hrs
4	Bid submitted by the Bidder will be valid for six months from the date of last date of submission of the Bid	180 days from the date of submission of bid

5. Contact details

i.	Address for contact	IDRBT, Road No . 1, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad – 500057, Telangana.
ii.	All Queries/bids to be mailed to	itprocurement@idrbt.ac.in
iii.	Designation Telephone No.	Project Officer 040-2329-4184

6. The details of Annexures as under:

Sr.No	Description	Annexure
1	Eligibility Criteria	Annexure – I
2	Empanelled Bidder details	Annexure – II
3	Scope of Work of VA and PT of IDRBT IT Infrastructure	Annexure – III
4	The Commercial Bid format for Conducting VA and PT of IT Infrastructure at IDRBT Locations from Hyderabad	Annexure – IV
5	Two separate password protected .pdf files should be submitted as response to the bid.	-
	a. Technical bid cover includes Eligibility Criteria Empanelled Documents -	Annexure I and II.
	b. The Commercial Bid includes –	Annexure - IV

**Annexure – I****7. Eligibility Criteria - For Conducting VA & PT of IT Infrastructure of IDRBT Locations.**

S. No.	Details	Documents Required	Complied Yes/No
1	SPOC - Single Point Of Contact	The bidding agency should nominate at least Two representatives with contact details for co-ordination during audit period.	
2	Legal Entity	The bidding agency shall provide evidence that it is a current legal entity. Attested copy of the Certificate of Incorporation/Registration of the Bidder.	
3	GST Certificate	GST Certificate	
4	CERT-In Empanelled Auditor/ Agencies	The List of Latest Empaneled Auditor/ Agencies by CERT-In are eligible to participate in the RFP, for Conducting VAPT of IT Infrastructure of IDRBT at IDRBT Locations (Hyderabad and Navi Mumbai) from Hyderabad, a latest letter issued by CERT-In should be submitted. Supporting document on List of major financial entities audited by the agency in last 3 years (minimum 5).	
5	General	The Empaneled Agency and Auditors should oblige with the General Terms and Conditions of CERT-In.	
6	The VAPT of IDRBT Infrastructure	1. Terms & Conditions 2. Scope of VAPT 3. Submission of audit report and closer of Audit etc.,	
7	Non-Disclosure Agreement	The successful auditor shall sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement prior to start of VAPT at IDRBT.	
8	Rules of Engagement	1. PT will only be done in UAT. Only as an exception, PT on production may be considered at DR site, if the UAT is not suitable to replicate the production environment 2. A mix of black-box (External URL) and workflow aware testing i.e Combine automated tools with manual testing by professionals to identify complex vulnerabilities that scanners miss 3. Testing to be conducted during agreed business or maintenance windows 4. No intentional disruption of critical services 5. Immediate reporting of critical and high-risk findings 6. No sensitive data extraction beyond minimal validation 7. Audit shall be conducted from On site Hyderabad and from Hyderabad conduct VAPT for Mumbai DR. 8. Credential based VAPT activity with prior approvals. 9. The entire VA and PT is a single assignment; No Sub-Contracting or Sub Activities/assessments are not allowed.	
9	Auditors Profile & Plan	Details of Audit team should be provided in the bid and	



S. No.	Details	Documents Required	Complied Yes/No
		they should be part of the entire period of the audit. The Audit Team Should have Minimum 02 Auditor with valid ISO 27001 Lead Auditor Certification (With minimum 3 years of Experience) and 02 auditors with valid CISA/DISA/CISSP/CEH/GXIH,GXPT,GX-CS,GX-FA or certification from offensive security (with minimum 03 year of experience). The bidder should submit the bid among with Audit scheduled with detailed Plan of Action.	
10	Bid Validity	All the prices and other terms and conditions of the offer proposed by the Bidder should be Valid for a minimum period of three months.	
11	Financial Bid	The prices quoted in the bid shall be firm and not subjected to any variation during Contract period, irrespective of reasons whatsoever, including exchange rate fluctuations, changes in taxes, duties, levies, charges etc.	
12	Bid outcome	The cost of bidding and submission of tender documents is entirely the responsibility of bidders, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the tendering process.	
13	Bid Rejection	In case of any false information / statement / document found in the bid, such bids shall be liable for rejection and respective bidder shall solely be responsible for the same.	
14	Payment Terms	A payment of 100 percent (100%) of the contracted sum would be payable on successful completion of Audit at Hyderabad and Navi Mumbai and issue of acceptance certificate by the Institute.	
15	Submission of Invoices and Bank details.	All payments will be released based on the invoices submitted to Institute by the vendor and should submit complete bank details along with GST Details.	
16	Order Cancellation	IDRBT reserves its right to cancel the order in the event of Delay in starting the audit process beyond 1 week.	



Annexure – II

EMPANELLED BIDDER DETAILS

(TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH TECHNICAL BID ON COMPANY LETTER HEAD)

Name of the Company

Name of the Head

Year of Establishment

Postal Address Telephone numbers Fax e-mail Website Address (If Applicable)

Bank Account Detail for payment

Account No:

Account Type:

Name of Account Holder:

Address of Account Holder:

Name of Branch:

Address of Branch:

IFSC Code:

Any authorized branches of the Company

Copy of Latest Empanelled letter issued by CERT-In certified by the competent authority.

**Annexure - III****Scope of Work of VA and PT of IDRBT IT Infrastructure, not limited to the following:****1. General Information:**

Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing should cover the customer Internet facing application, services and its components including Web Servers, Application Servers, DBs Server (OS, Virtualization and Private cloud setup), Networking and Security devices/appliances, including wireless devices, etc. and other production supporting infrastructure and services.

PT will only be done in UAT. Only as an exception, production PT may be considered at DR site, if the UAT is not able to replicate the production environment.

2. Project Timelines:

The successful agency shall furnish a schedule of Assessment within 4 days of issuance of Purchase order. VA and PT schedule has to be mutually agreed by both the parties. Final VAPT report has to be submitted within 1 week days of issuance of the initial Draft report after considering the IDRBT comments on the Draft report.

Project Closure : Not more than 2 months, by doing activities in parallel.

3. IDRBT IT Infrastructure details:

Sr.No	Classification of Unique Assets	Qty
1	External/Customer facing applications/Services	8
2	Internal user Applications	3
3	Virtual Machines	60
4	Supporting IT Infrastructure Servers, OS, Network, Security devices, Wi-Fi devices	30
5	DataBase (Oracle, MySQL)	2

Other details :

- All are web based application except Mobitrail and Tally.
- All the application are most of them are small and few medium size applications.
- Count of APIs along with total count of endpoints – Max 100 Outgoing and Incoming put together

4. VAPT Deliverables

The deliverables for VAPT activity are as follows:-

- Draft report for critical services/infrastructure on immediate basis
- Executive summary outlining overall security posture
- Detailed vulnerability report with:
 - Risk ratings and impact analysis
 - Technical details and evidence
 - Clear remediation recommendations
- Compliance-ready documentation suitable for audits
- Retesting and closure validation report
- Vulnerability Classification and Prioritization
- Risk-Based Prioritization
- Compliance verification

5. Assessment Focus including but not limited to the following

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| 1. Exposed services and ports | 15. Input validation and access control issues |
| 2. Network segmentation and trust boundaries | 16. Exposure of sensitive business data |
| 3. Firewall and VPN configuration weaknesses | 17. Cloud configuration and access control weaknesses |
| 4. Insecure network protocols and services | 18. Insecure VM isolation |
| 5. Identity, Authentication and authorization weaknesses | 19. Excessive permissions/privilege and role mismanagement |
| 6. Misconfigurations | 20. Inter-service trust relationships |
| 7. Lateral movement opportunities | 21. Database exposure and access controls |
| 8. Exposure of administrative interfaces | 22. Authentication and encryption configurations |
| 9. Missing security patches | 23. Risk of unauthorized data access |
| 10. Insecure services and open ports | 24. API usage, security and management |
| 11. Weak system hardening | 25. UAT and Production isolation |
| 12. Local and remote privilege escalation risks | 26. Any other attacks, which are vulnerable to the web sites and web Applications |
| 13. Common application vulnerabilities (e.g., OWASP Top 10) | 27. Compliance to regulatory compliance. |
| 14. Authentication and session management flaws | |

6. Validation and Re-Testing

1. Remediation actions are validated internally and subsequently re-tested by partner before closure
2. Re-testing confirms that:
 - a. The vulnerability is no longer easy to exploitable
 - b. No new security issues were introduced. (Fixing of new vulnerabilities more than one round will be addressed on mutual agreement basis.
3. Rescan till all vulnerabilities are closed. Rescans can be done on mutual agreement

A formal Project Closure or Re-test report is generated and documented as evidence.

**Annexure – IV****The Commercial Bid format for Conducting VA and PT of IT Infrastructure at
IDRBT Locations from Hyderabad***(Excluding taxes, as applicable)*

Sr.No	Service Description	Total Amount in Rs excluding taxes
1	VA and PT Fee (excluding taxes) payable to the Agency for Conducting Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing of IT Infrastructure of IDRBT, as per the SoW defined at Annexure - II	
2	Person day effort for exceptional requirements.	
	Person Day effort in Rs: No of Person days:	
3	Total Amount in Rs Sr.No 1+2 excluding taxes (Includes - Claims/Other Charges (for example TA/Travel Expenses/Lodging/Food etc.,))	