Request for Proposal Number: | RFP-ACT-SACT-20-71

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The following questions were raised with respect to subject IFIB/RFP. Responses are to provide clarification.

Question	Response
1Q. We have been analyzing the new RFP-ACT-SACT-20-71 and we would like to participate in the process, however, the team was wondering about the co-operation timelines. In the RFP, there is a mention about expected delivery within first 4 weeks under the contract – our team is a little bit worried about such a timeline considering the requirements of the whole project. Will there be any period before those 4 weeks, during which the Contractor could familiarize with the specifications and prepare for the MVP?	1R. Below the link to the data station. https://hackathonserv.us1.quickconnect.to/ Please contact identified Contracting Officers via e-mail to request user name and password.
2Q. Do you expect all MVP requirements to be implemented in the first four weeks of the contract? Or maybe in the first four weeks only the functionalities that were in the PoC need to be delivered? If so, what functionalities are we talking about?	2R. Please see the 'Performance Objectives' section in the RFP: 'Based on 2020 TIDE Hackathon Proofs-of-Concept (PoCs), a minimum viable first release is expected within the first 4 weeks under this contract. It is HQ SACT's desire that 2020 TIDE Hackathon winning Proof-of-Concept (PoC) features are included to the greatest extent possible in this first release. Release after release, the MVP, which emerges out of user testing, must converge within the scope described below.' The RFP/contract is to fulfil all requirements in various releases (sprints), with all objectives implemented during the Period of Performance.

3Q. Do you consider the possibility of using and adapting the already existing tool for handling video and audio calls? For example Jitsi instance installed in the AWS environment?	3R. Please see: a. MVP-7: 'Support the DCS principle of **maximum re-use by unifying DCS-Enabled Web Conferencing Service MVP based on NATO and open standards, widely available technology and existing infrastructure**. This also includes integration with available NATO prototypes in the areas of federated identity and access management and protection policy enforcement services supporting standards-based access control and sanitization and redaction. b. MVP Enhancements compared to Hackathon PoC: 'Overall objective for DEWC MVP is **to offer the same experience as provided by current best web conferencing tools and practices**, and to add to it DCS interoperable features as drafted and demonstrated by Hackathon PoCs.' ACT would encourage using and/or adapting already existing open standards/open source technology tools versus developing a new tool, but this is up to for the contractor to propose.
4Q. Are there any data encryption requirements. For example, end to end encryption in text collaboration?	4R. Please see MVP-7: 'Provide a human-to-human **simulated** cross security domain DCS-Enabled Web Conferencing Service MVP for voice, video and text collaboration.' Data encryption would be 'nice to have' but not required at this (simulated) stage. If an existing Web Conferencing Service already has data encryption, it of course is fine to keep it.