

Cybersecurity Co-Innovation and Development Funding (CCDF)

Information Kit

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Overview

Request for Proposals for: Development of Innovative Cybersecurity Solutions to Meet National Cybersecurity Needs		
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1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Cyber-attacks are getting more sophisticated over time and the cybersecurity industry is under constant pressure to keep up with the fast paced evolution of cyber-threats. Innovation is key in helping governments and organisations stay in the 'arms race' against cyber attackers.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. The Cyber Security Agency of Singapore ("CSA") has developed the Cybersecurity Co-innovation and Development Fund (CCDF) (the "Scheme") to catalyse the development of innovative cybersecurity solutions for national cybersecurity, strategic, as well as commercial application.
- 2.2. Areas for 2021 include 1) Cloud Security, 2) AI for Cybersecurity, 3) IoT/5G,
 4) OT Security, 5) Privacy-Enhancing Technologies and other relevant areas identified by CSA.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. All Singapore registered companies are eligible to apply for funding under the Scheme. Overseas firms that are not registered in Singapore will need to partner with a Singapore registered company.
- 3.2. All companies must ensure that at least 50% of the funded manpower employed to carry out the project are Singaporean or Singapore PR working in Singapore.
- 3.3. Each proposal must only target their solution to one challenge statement. For proposals submitted under the Open Category, applicants must secure at least one committed cybersecurity end-user by the third milestone. The company can leverage on "minimum viable products"¹ and/or market ready technologies to develop cybersecurity applications with new features and functionalities that would meet the new and emerging demands of cybersecurity users.
- 3.4. No retrospective applications will be accepted. An application is deemed retrospective if the proposed project has already commenced at the time of application.

4. FUNDING SUPPORT

- 4.1. Funding provided for each project under the Scheme is up to \$1,000,000, for a period of up to 24 months.
- 4.2 Funding awarded must be used to carry out development activities in Singapore, unless otherwise approved. Recipients of funding under the

¹ A minimum viable product is a product with just enough features to satisfy early customers, and to provide feedback for future product development

Scheme should use Singapore as a base to register, own and manage all intellectual property rights arising out of the project.

4.3 Proposals already funded or considered for funding with other government agencies will not be considered under this Scheme.

5. SUBMISSION PROCESS

5.1 To apply for the Cybersecurity Industry Call for Innovation, please visit: <u>https://www.csa.gov.sg/programmes/co-innovation-development-fund</u>

6. EVALUATION PROCESS

- 6.1 Proposals received by the Secretariat will be submitted to an evaluation panel. If required, the panel may convene to seek clarification from the applicant. Under such circumstances, applicants will be invited to give a presentation.
- 6.2 Proposals will be evaluated according to:
 - a. Quality of proposed solution including cost reasonableness
 - b. Commitment from cybersecurity end-user
 - c. Wider applicability and benefit to industry
 - d. Team competency

7. RESULTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

- 7.1 Only successful applicants will be informed of the results of their application.
- 7.2 The offer of the award under the Scheme will be sent to the successful applicant through a Letter of Offer. The Letter of Acceptance with the terms and conditions of the award duly signed by the applicant, must reach the Secretariat within 14 working days from the date of the Letter of Offer.

8. CLAIMS

- 8.1 All claims will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis upon the submission of the progress report with its supporting documents such as payslips and invoices, and upon approval by the secretariat.
- 8.2 Disbursement will take place in tranches in accordance to the defined milestones committed in the project timeline.
- 8.3 The claim for the last milestone must be accompanied with an audited report on the total costs claimed by the company. The cost of audit will be borne by the company.