

# RFP 17/2022: ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY ASSESSMENT SERVICES PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS

## Communication #3

Date of Issue: 24 October 2022

### 1. Answers to questions posed by Bidders.

These questions and answers as well as issued / reissued documents referred to in this document can be found on SARS's website at [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za) and National Treasury's eTender Portal [www.etenders.gov.za](http://www.etenders.gov.za)

### Question and Answer

No	Question	Answer
1.	Will SARS consider extending the closing date of the bid.	The closing date of <b>24 October 2022</b> has been extended to <b>31 October 2022</b>
2.	Going through the requirements for the RFP 17-2022 requesting for <i>"The establishment of Security Assessments Services Panel, we have noticed a statement that the vendor is expected to sign off on software or applications after a security assessment has been concluded"</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The service provider will be responsible for providing a report with findings and recommendations of the risk mitigations.</li><li>- SARS' responsibilities will be to implement the recommendations.</li></ul>

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	i) Bidder would not be able to sign off on the applications as the sole responsibility should still remain with SARS.	
3.	There is a requirement for remediation of identified vulnerabilities. Bidder will only be able to recommend remediation steps, but it will lie with the SARS IT team to implement the recommendations.	SARS agrees that the service provider will recommend, and SARS will be responsible for implementation.
4.	Bidder would like to request an extension of the closing date (currently listed for 31 October 2022 @ 11h00)	The tender closing date has been extended from 24 October 2022 to 31 October 2022.
5.	Who is requested to sign Oath of Secrecy	Member/signatory that is authorized to sign on behalf of the bidding company.