

Response to Pre Bid Queries - RFP for Procurement of Breach & Attack Simulation Solution
NPCI/RFP/2022-23/IT/03 dated 29.06.2022

Sr. No.	Document Reference	Page No	Clause No	Description in RFP	Clarification Sought	Additional Remarks (if any)	Response
1	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	10	3.1 - Scope of Work	The bidder / OEM shall provide 24*7*365 basis post implementation technical support for the components supplied. Support center must be based in INDIA.		The bidder / OEM shall provide 24*5*365 basis post implementation technical support for the components supplied. Support center must be based in INDIA.	No Change in RFP Terms
2	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	23	8.4 - Performance bank guarantee	The Successful bidder shall, within 14 working days of receipt of Purchase Order, submit a Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) equal to 10% of total value of the Purchase order (exclusive of taxes), valid for term of the order.		The Successful bidder shall, within 14 working days of receipt of Purchase Order, submit a Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) equal to 3% of total value of the Purchase order.	No Change in RFP
3	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	37	Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point B2	For the proposed solution, If cloud based then all data collected/processed to be stored only in INDIA.	Are these two mutually exclusive Or they are mutually inclusive. We can understand that if the Cloud is not hosted in India(B2), are they asking for Separate instance dedicated for NPCI (B3).		This is mentioned as Good to Have. Mutually inclusive with Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point B3
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6	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	37	Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point - B3	If cloud based....	Are above clauses applicable if solution is hybrid, ? so some data is processed at agent level, and reports are processed at cloud end dedicated to their account		Yes, Applicable for Hybrid Solution.
7	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	37	Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point B2 and B3	all data collected	What if there is No customer Data is collected. Only test cases are tested for success or failure, you still need to comply for above ?		Yes. No change in RFP Terms.

8	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	37	Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point B2 and B3	all data collected	If the real data collected of NPCI remains inside the NPCI network then should B2 and B3 are required ?		Yes. No change in RFP Terms.
9	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	37	Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point C1	The solution must directly integrate with common commercial SIEM solutions	Kindly name the SIEM that is used.		Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
10	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	37	Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point C2	The solution must directly integrate with common commercial endpoint security controls	Name endpoint controls used by NPCI		Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
11	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	39	Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point D25	The Solution should provide POA (Proof of acceptance) for manual assessments / simulation along with Mitigation steps	POA should be proof of attack and not proof of acceptance correct ?		Refer to Corrigendum - 1
12	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	39	Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point D31	The solution should provide technology vendor-specific remediation signatures and prioritization as mitigation recommendations	Are these remediation signatures or remediation guidelines ?		Refer to Corrigendum - 1
13	RFP-for-procurement-of-Breach & Attack Simulation Solution	37	B2	For the proposed solution, If cloud based then all data collected/processed to be stored only in INDIA.	Are these two mutually exclusive Or they are mutually inclusive. We can understand that if the Cloud is not hosted in India(B2), are they asking for Separate instance dedicated for NPCI (B3).		This is mentioned as Good to Have. Mutually inclusive with Section 9 - Technical Specifications - point B3
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37	RFP Document	13	2	The bidder should have reported minimum annual turnover of Rs. 5 crores in each of the last 3 financial years and should have reported profits (profit after tax) as per audited financial statements in last 3 financial years (FY 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21).	We request you to amend the caluse as Due to Pandemic our Profit after Tax is not there in FY-20-21 however we have postive network. In lockdown the profit after tax affected due to many reason. All other PSU BFSI considering this caluse and giving relaxation for FY20-21. PLease help to amend so that we can submit our BID.		No Change in RFP
38	RFP Document	21	1. Part - B Vendor Evaluation Matrix	Customer BFSI reference in India (Bidder & OEM) Please provide at least 2 India References including	Needs clarification as Customer in India BFSI reference (Bidder and OEM) has to give a combination of 2 POs or each one have to given 2 numbers of Pos.		No change in RFP Terms
39	RFP Document-Section 9	37	C6	The solution should have technical integrations available for specific vendors where applicable (e.g. SIEMs, ITSMs, ticketing systems, Vulnerability assessment tools, log management, Firewalls, SOAR, automation/orchestration, analytics platforms, threat intelligence platforms, etc.)	A Breach and attack simulation technology requires integration for common Detection/Protection technologies. Integration with other technologies like Vulnerability assessment, ITSM, ticketing system are just desirable features. Request NPCI to modify the point as "The solution should have technical integrations available with key security Prevention/Detection technologies."		Refer to Corrigendum - 1
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72	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 37	A3. Section 9 Technical Specifications	The solution must support proxy communications to the Internet. Simulation Agents installed must support proxy communications to the Breach & Attack simulation solution's cloud platform counterpart.	Please specify for Which type of proxy, an implicit or explicit proxy, is used at NPCI?		Solution should be Proxy OEM Agnostic & Proxy Solution Architecture Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms.
73	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 37	A4.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The Solution agent component must be installable as a software package (Publishing it through group policy) and an image/Golden image.	Please elaborate on question What type of security control BAS will be focusing on a few system UAT/dedicated systems or in any security zone?		No Change in RFP Terms

74	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 37	A7.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	For the proposed Solution, All installed agents/simulators should have capability to run assessments/simulations as local user privilege and/or admin user privilege	Please explain the difference between point A7 and point B7		No Change in RFP Terms
75	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 37	B7.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must include discrete privileged and user account levels with specific permissions for each (e.g. RBAC)	Please explain the difference between point A7 and point B7		No Change in RFP Terms
76	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 37	C1.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must directly integrate with common commercial SIEM solutions	We need to know what SIEM tool or solution NPCI is using.		Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
77	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 37	C2.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must directly integrate with common commercial endpoint security controls	We require inputs; which endpoint tool or solution NPCI is using?		Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
78	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 38	C3.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must validate network security control effectiveness.	Need further clarification on this point, namely the kind of security controls used in the NPCI network.		The Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms.
79	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 38	C4.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must validate email security control effectiveness.	We need further clarification on this point; is NPCI using a specific email security?		Breach attack simulation use cases related to email security should be vendor agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
80	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 38	D4.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must be able to Represent Vulnerability Risk scores (Low, Medium, High, Critical) based on proven cybersecurity risk assessment models. (e.g. DREAD, CVSSV3, NIST)	NPCI is seeking for all of these or any one of them in terms of risk scoring? (DREAD, CVSSV3, NIST)		No change in RFP Terms
81	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 38	D7.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Solution should have Ability to simulate Infiltration techniques for breaching a network or infecting a host - Via Email, Web & WAF.	This appears to be a pen testing test case; it is outside the purview of BAS technology. Please elaborate.		No change in RFP Terms

82	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 38	D10.Secti on 9 - Technical Specificat ions	Solution should have Ability to test attacker lateral movement through a single machine (once successfully within a network) - e.g., brute force or pass-the-hash techniques to steal credentials for sensitive servers, moving across network segments in search for valuable data	Please clarify on this point, which appears to be a test case for pen testing and falls outside the purview of BAS technology.		No change in RFP Terms
83	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 38	D16.Secti on 9 - Technical Specificat ions	Solution should support Transfer and/or execution of malware on a test system (Endpoint malware download and execution test)	Please clarify on this point, which appears to be a test case for pen testing and is outside the scope of BAS technology.		This is a Malware attack simulation Test Case. No change in RFP Terms.
84	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 39	D20.Secti on 9 - Technical Specificat ions	Solution should support Proxy tests - HTTP/HTTPS inbound/outbound exposure to malicious or compromised websites (web malware, malicious scripts)	Need additional clarification on this subject		No change in RFP Terms
85	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 39	D3.2Secti on 9 - Technical Specificat ions	The Supplier proposed solution should have capabilities to allow for the detection or prevention of unauthorized modification of data.	Need additional clarification on this subject		This is a FIM use case. No change in RFP Terms
86	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 39	D33.Secti on 9 - Technical Specificat ions	Solution should able to do a lateral movement assessment from a single endpoint	Please clarify on this point, which appears to be a test case for pen testing and is outside the scope of BAS technology.		This is a Good to have Requirement.No change in RFP Terms.
87	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 39	D37.Secti on 9 - Technical Specificat ions	The Supplier should support processes to request and run network penetration tests against the service and report the results.	This point needs more clarification.		Requirement is mentioned as Good to Have. No change in RFP Terms.
88	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 39	D39.Secti on 9 - Technical Specificat ions	Solution should have integrated Email phishing simulation module	This point needs more clarification.		This is Email Security Use case. No change in RFP Terms.
89	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 39	D42.Secti on 9 - Technical Specificat ions	The solution should support use cases specific to Kubernetes, Docker, Container deployments	Could you please elaborate on if NPCI has a Kubernetes cluster for which security needs to be validated?		Refer to Corrigendum - 1
90	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 40	E6.Sectio n 9 - Technical Specificat ions	The API must include support for both JSON and XML formats	Does NPCI still use XML, or does it exclusively use JSON?		No Change in RFP Terms

91	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	35	Infrastructure & Deployment, A3	The solution must support proxy communications to the Internet. Simulation Agents installed must support proxy communications to the Breach & Attack simulation solution's cloud platform counterpart.	Please specify for Which type of proxy, an implicit or explicit proxy, is used at NPCI?	Architecture Details are needed	Solution should be Proxy OEM Agnostic & Proxy Solution Architecture Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms.
92	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	35	Infrastructure & Deployment, A4	The Solution agent component must be installable as a software package (Publishing it through group policy) and an image/Golden image.	Please elaborate on question What type of security control BAS will be focusing on a few system UAT/dedicated systems or in any security zone?		No Change in RFP Terms
93	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	35	Infrastructure & Deployment, A7	For the proposed Solution, All installed agents/simulators should have capability to run assessments/simulations as local user privilege and/or admin user privilege	Please explain the difference between point A7 and point B7		No Change in RFP Terms
94	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	35	Solution Security & Compliance, B7	The solution must include discrete privileged and user account levels with specific permissions for each (e.g. RBAC)	Please explain the difference between point A7 and point B7		No Change in RFP Terms
95	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	35	Security Solutions Support & Integration, C1	The solution must directly integrate with common commercial SIEM solutions	We need to know what SIEM tool or solution NPCI is using.	Architecture Details are needed	Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
96	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	35	Security Solutions Support & Integration, C2	The solution must directly integrate with common commercial endpoint security controls	We require inputs; which endpoint tool or solution NPCI is using?		Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
97	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Security Solutions Support & Integration, C3	The solution must validate network security control effectiveness.	Need further clarification on this point, namely the kind of security controls used in the NPCI network.		The Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms.
98	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Security Solutions Support & Integration, C4	The solution must validate email security control effectiveness.	We need further clarification on this point; is NPCI using a specific email security?		Breach attack simulation use cases related to email security should be vendor agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
99	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D4	The solution must be able to Represent Vulnerability Risk scores (Low, Medium, High, Critical) based on proven cybersecurity risk assessment models. (e.g. DREAD, CVSSV3, NIST)	NPCI is seeking for all of these or any one of them in terms of risk scoring? (DREAD, CVSSV3, NIST)		No change in RFP Terms

100	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D7	Solution should have Ability to simulate Infiltration techniques for breaching a network or infecting a host - Via Email, Web & WAF.	This appears to be a pen testing test case; it is outside the purview of BAS technology. Please elaborate.		No change in RFP Terms
101	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D10	Solution should have Ability to test attacker lateral movement through a single machine (once successfully within a network) - e.g., brute force or pass-the-hash techniques to steal credentials for sensitive servers, moving across network segments in search for valuable data	Please clarify on this point, which appears to be a test case for pen testing and falls outside the purview of BAS technology.		No change in RFP Terms
102	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D16	Solution should support Transfer and/or execution of malware on a test system (Endpoint malware download and execution test)	Please clarify on this point, which appears to be a test case for pen testing and is outside the scope of BAS technology.		This is a Malware attack simulation Test Case. No change in RFP Terms.
103	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D20	Solution should support Proxy tests - HTTP/HTTPS inbound/outbound exposure to malicious or compromised websites (web malware, malicious scripts)	Need additional clarification on this subject		No change in RFP Terms
104	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D32	The Supplier proposed solution should have capabilities to allow for the detection or prevention of unauthorized modification of data.	Need additional clarification on this subject		This is a FIM use case. No change in RFP Terms
105	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D33	Solution should able to do a lateral movement assessment from a single endpoint	Please clarify on this point, which appears to be a test case for pen testing and is outside the scope of BAS technology.		This is a Good to have Requirement.No change in RFP Terms.
106	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D37	The Supplier should support processes to request and run network penetration tests against the service and report the results.	This point needs more clarification.		Requirement is mentioned as Good to Have. No change in RFP Terms.
107	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D39	Solution should have integrated Email phishing simulation module	This point needs more clarification.		This is Email Security Use case. No change in RFP Terms.
108	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Use Cases Support, D42	The solution should support use cases specific to Kubernetes, Docker, Container deployments	Could you please elaborate on if NPCI has a Kubernetes cluster for which security needs to be validated?		Refer to Corrigendum - 1

109	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	36	Dashboard, Reporting & Automation, E6	The API must include support for both JSON and XML formats	Does NPCI still use XML, or does it exclusively use JSON?		No Change in RFP Terms
110	Technical Scoring Matrix:	21	7.3 Technical Scoring	Customer BFSI reference in India (Bidder & OEM) Please provide at least 2 India References including customer name, etc.	We request you to change this clause as "Customer BFSI reference in India (Bidder or OEM) Please provide at least 2 India References including customer name, etc."		No change in RFP Terms
111	Technical Scoring Matrix:	21	7.3 Technical Scoring	Work experience in past (similar project)	We request yo to cosider experince in IT projects / system integration / similar projects. OR also consider similar experience of Bidder / OEM.		No change in RFP Terms
112	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 37	A3. Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must support proxy communications to the Internet. Simulation Agents installed must support proxy communications to the Breach & Attack simulation solution's cloud platform counterpart.	Please specify for Which type of proxy, an implicit or explicit proxy, is used at NPCI?		Solution should be Proxy OEM Agnostic & Proxy Solution Architecture Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms.
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117	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 37	C2. Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must directly integrate with common commercial endpoint security controls	We require inputs; which endpoint tool or solution NPCI is using?		Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms

118	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 38	C3.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must validate network security control effectiveness.	Need further clarification on this point, namely the kind of security controls used in the NPCI network.		The Solution should be Vendor Agnostic. No change in RFP Terms.
119	Section 9 - Technical Specifications	Page 38	C4.Section 9 - Technical Specifications	The solution must validate email security control effectiveness.	We need further clarification on this point; is NPCI using a specific email security?		Breach attack simulation use cases related to email security should be vendor agnostic. No change in RFP Terms
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