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National Cyber Emergency Response Team (nCERT) Pre-Bid Meeting Minutes

Subject: Supply of GRC Software Tools at National CERT

Date: 17 March 2026

Time: 1230 Hours

Location: nCERT Conference Room 2

1. Participants

GRC Team:

- Dr. Mehreen Afzal (Director GRC)
- Khwaja Mansoor (Information Security Auditor)
- Masooma Ali (Technology Engineer)
- Saud Ahmed (Penetration Tester)

Vendor Representatives:

- Multiple vendor representatives attended the session (attendance sheet attached separately).

2. Agenda

- Clarifications regarding the *Supply of GRC Software Tools at National CERT* tender
- Addressing vendor queries related to technical specifications and compliance requirements

3. Discussion Points

3.1 GRC Tool Development Origin (In-house vs. Commercial)

• Query:

Vendors inquired whether an in-house or indigenously developed GRC tool is eligible for this tender, or if only a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) GRC solution is required to be quoted.

• Response:

nCERT clarified that:

- An **in-house or indigenously developed GRC solution is acceptable and preferred**,
- Provided that the proposed solution **fully complies with all technical, functional, and compliance requirements** outlined in the RFP.



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3.2 Google APIs and Integration Requirements

- **Query:**

Vendors sought clarification on whether integration with Google APIs is mandatory or if a subscription-based approach would suffice.

Response:

nCERT clarified that:

- **Google APIs integration is not mandatory.**
- However, the solution must support a **Google-based workflow (e.g., Google Flow).**
- Additionally, a **Gemini subscription** is required as part of the proposed solution.

3.3 GRC Tool Deployment Scope (Internal vs. External)

- **Query:**

Vendors asked whether the GRC tool will be deployed for internal use within nCERT or for external stakeholders.

- **Response:**

nCERT confirmed that:

- The GRC tool will be **deployed and utilized internally** within nCERT. For clarification the following point are already included in tender document:
- Configuration & Deployment:
 - Support for Standalone (On-Premise) configuration.
 - Support for Cloud model.
 - Evaluation based on user-uploaded data, imported reports, or recurring assessments.
- Moreover the tool must support the feature for organisations to update data into the tool automatically.

3.4 Acunetix License Clarification:

- Vendors requested clarification regarding the specific Acunetix license being referred to in the tender. They also inquired about the number of licensed targets and the required deployment model.
- **Response:** nCERT clarified that:

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- The required license is Acunetix Premium License.
- The solution must support up to 99,999 licensed targets.
- The deployment model shall be on-premises.

4. Conclusion

The meeting concluded with the clarification that all vendors must strictly adhere to the technical and compliance requirements defined in the tender document. No changes to the core requirements were approved during the session.

5. Action Items

- Vendors to submit bids in accordance with clarified specifications and tender requirements.
- nCERT to share official MoM with all participating vendors.

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