

Request for Application #2024-012

Global Goods Rapid Projects – Multilingual Support and Security

Responses to fact-finding questions – March 20, 2024

The following are the responses of Digital Square at PATH to questions regarding Request for Application #2024-012, released on March 5, 2024.

1. Do applicants have to be an organization, or will you consider individuals or a cooperative of consultants?

Contracting with organizations is preferred, but we are open to contracting with consultants. However, there will be a single entity that is contracted and if there is a cooperative of consultants, it is recommended that they have a lead organization and fall under that proposal (where they may be subcontractors or consultants to the lead).

2. Do you expect the delivered product to be part of the enhanced DPG, or will you accept tooling and methodologies that would enhance and secure the operation of DPGs?

*Content that is related to enhancing the security of a global good (guidelines, training materials, etc.) will be accepted. However, tooling for tooling's sake will not. We would be open to reviewing proposals which create infrastructure around the project/code that will stand ongoingly and provide enhancements to the DevSecOps cycle of the tool. Note that this work **must** relate to a global good (which is an enhanced subset of DPGs).*

3. Do you expect a given DPG's core team/product owner to participate in the proposal?

Applications can be from any organization. The work must provide benefit to a global good, so any company that works on a global good or contributes to it is eligible to participate. However, this RFA is limited to approved global goods, as published in the [Global Goods Guidebook](#).

4. What actions in public communication (e.g., blogs, academic articles, social networks) are related to these awards? Do you expect the awarded entity to be responsible for preparing such material?

Public communications of the work done under the award are highly valued and therefore should be included in the proposal and budgeted accordingly. Digital Square/PATH reserves the right to share and publish on our platforms any outputs and articles from the project in support of the work.

5. Our idea is transversal to most of the DPGs. Some of them expressed interest in what we plan to propose. Could Digital Square facilitate the identification of other groups that would be keen to endorse our project and give us feedback to improve the utility of our product?

We are not able to do this prior to the close date of this work. After the RFA is closed and awarded, Digital Square is happy to share concepts for global goods on our various means/platforms. If the application is selected we will facilitate introductions to other global goods.

6. Our vision goes beyond what could be achieved with \$50k. Our proposal will be organized into deliverables that fit within the financial envelope, but would you prefer access to our broad plan to understand our proposal's underlying vision better?

Yes, as long as the long-term vision can be summarized succinctly (e.g., half-page writeup).

7. Do you accept solutions that involve configuring particular hardware that would enhance security?

No.

8. Which license do you expect the final result to use?

Any appropriate OSI-approved open license or Creative Commons license.

9. To what extent do you consider proposals sponsored by organizations currently running the DPGs of the proposal?

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10. Are you accepting applications only from organizations developing Digital Square–approved global goods OR from any organizations contributing to the development of the approved global goods?

Applications can be from any organization. The work must provide benefit to a global good, so any company that works on a global good or contributes to it (or wants to contribute to it) is eligible to participate.

11. Can one participating organization submit more than one application/proposal?

Yes, absolutely.

12. Can an application suggest an improvement not to a specific global good but to any approved global good within the same type or category (like community guidance)?

Yes, they may.

13. Is this limited to approved software global goods only?

No, content global goods may also apply. However, this is limited to approved global goods, as published in the Global Goods Guidebook.