

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

<u>For</u>

Selection of Service Provider for Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) of locally hosted internet facing application servers and firewall

Bank of Baroda Group Control Office 32 City Road London EC1Y 2BD United Kingdom

[A] Important Dates:

- 1. Issuance of RFP Document by Bank from : 22.02.2019
- 2 Last Date of Submission of Response by the Vendor/ Service Provider : 15.03.2019
- 3 Technical Bids for RFP will be opened on the: 20.03.2019
- 4 Financial Bids for RFP will be opened on the: 22.03.2017

[B] Important Clarifications:

Following terms are used in the document interchangeably to mean:

- 1. BOB, BoB, and Bank means "Bank of Baroda".
- 2. Recipient, Respondent Vendor/ Service Provider and Consultancy firm means "Respondent to the RFP Document'.
- 3. **RFP means the "Current RFP Document"**

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Section I

1. Introduction and Disclaimer

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Recipients shall ensure that all third parties to whom disclosure is made shall keep any such information, materials, specifications or other documents confidential and not disclose them to any other third party except as set out above.



Recipients must seek the approval of Bank of Baroda before providing to third parties any information provided in confidence by Bank of Baroda or its professional advisers and must maintain a register of all employees and third parties who have access to such information. If so requested by Bank of Baroda, Recipients must make such a register available for immediate inspection by Bank of Baroda or its duly authorised representatives.

The RFP document is provided to the Recipient on the basis of the undertaking of confidentiality given by the Recipient to Bank of Baroda. Bank of Baroda may update or revise the RFP document or any part of it. The Recipient acknowledges that any such revised or amended document is received subject to the same terms and conditions as this original and subject to the same confidentiality undertaking. The Recipient will not disclose or discuss the contents of the RFP document with any officer, employee, consultant, director, agent, or other person associated or affiliated in any way with Bank of Baroda or any of its customers, suppliers, or agents without the prior written consent of Bank of Baroda.

5. Disclaimer

Subject to any law to the contrary, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, Bank of Baroda and its officers, employees, contractors, agents, and advisers disclaim all liability from any loss or damage (whether foreseeable or not) suffered by any person acting on or refraining from acting because of any information, including forecasts, statements, estimates, or projections contained in this RFP document or conduct ancillary to it whether or not the loss or damage arises in connection with any negligence, omission, default, lack of care or misrepresentation on the part of Bank of Baroda or any of its officers, employees, contractors, agents, or advisers.

6. Costs Borne by Respondents

All costs, liabilities and expenses incurred by Recipients / Respondents in any way associated with the development, preparation, and submission of responses, including but not limited to attendance at meetings, discussions, demonstrations, etc. and providing any additional information required by Bank of Baroda, will be borne entirely and exclusively by the Recipient / Respondent.

7. No Legal Relationship

No binding legal relationship will exist between any of the Recipients / Respondents and Bank of Baroda until execution of a contractual agreement.



8. Recipient Obligation to Inform Itself

The Recipient must conduct its own investigation and analysis regarding any information contained in the RFP document and the meaning and impact of that information.

9. Evaluation of Offers

Each Recipient acknowledges and accepts that Bank of Baroda may, in its absolute discretion, apply whatever criteria it deems appropriate in the selection of organisations, not limited to those selection criteria set out in this RFP document. The RFP document will not be construed as any contract or arrangement, which may result from, the issue of this RFP document or any investigation or review carried out by a Recipient. The Recipient acknowledges by submitting its response to this RFP document that it has not relied on any information, representation, or warranty given in this RFP document.

10. Errors and Omissions

Each Recipient should notify Bank of Baroda of any error, omission, or discrepancy found in this RFP document but not later than two business days prior to the due date for lodgement of RFPs.

11. Acceptance of Terms

A Recipient will, by responding to Bank of Baroda RFP, be deemed to have accepted the terms as stated above from Para 1 through Para 10.

12. Lodgement of RFP Response

12.1 RFP Submission & Closing Date : 15.03.2019

RFP Response may be received by the officials indicated below **not later than 5:00 pm (BST) on 15.03.2019**

Two (2) paper copies and one (1) printable electronic copy (Microsoft Word/PDF/Excel/Powerpoint in Removable Drive (e.g. Pen Drive)) each of both Technical and Commercial Proposals must be submitted to the office of:

<u>The Deputy Chief Executive</u> <u>Bank of Baroda</u> <u>Group Control Office</u> <u>32 City Road</u> <u>London EC1Y 2BD</u> <u>United Kingdom</u> <u>Email: dce.uk@bankofbaroda.com</u>



12.2 Submission will be valid if:

- i. Copies of the RFP are submitted, subject to clause 12.3, before the aforementioned closing date specified in clause 12.1.
- ii. Submission is not by Fax transmission.
- iii. Response is submitted in two separate sealed envelopes with separate marking "Technical Proposal" & "Commercial Proposal"

RFP Response shall be signed by a duly authorised director or senior officer of the Respondent.

Bank of Baroda will not consider any late responses to this RFP nor will it consider requests for extension of the time or date fixed for the submission of responses. It may, however, in its own absolute discretion extend the time or date fixed for submission and in such an event Bank of Baroda will notify all Respondents accordingly.

After evaluation is completed, Bank of Baroda will retain copies of all responses to satisfy its audit obligations and for other purposes.

The response to this RFP must be completed in English.

12.3 Only One Submission Permitted

Only one submission of response to RFP by each Consultancy firm / Service Provider will be permitted. In case of partnerships / consortium, only one submission is permitted through the lead consultancy firm / service provider. The RFP application shall be accepted by the Bank only in the original, and the same shall not be accepted if the required details are filled in photocopy of RFP document or sent through facsimile.

12.4 Registration of RFP

Registration will be effected upon Bank of Baroda receiving the RFP response in the above manner (Para 12.1). The submission must contain all documents, information, and details required by this RFP. If the submission to this RFP does not include all the information required or is incomplete or submission is through Fax mode, the RFP may in the sole and absolute discretion of Bank of Baroda be summarily rejected.



All submissions, including any accompanying documents, will become the property of Bank of Baroda. Recipients shall be deemed to license, and grant all rights to, Bank of Baroda to reproduce the whole or any portion of their submission for the purpose of evaluation, to disclose the contents of the submission to other Recipients who have registered a submission and to disclose and/or use the contents of the submission as the basis for any resulting RFP process, notwithstanding any copyright or other intellectual property right that may subsist in the submission or accompanying documents.

12.5 Late RFP Policy

RFPs lodged after the deadline for lodgement of RFPs may be registered by Bank of Baroda and may be considered and evaluated by the evaluation team at the absolute discretion of Bank of Baroda. Respondents are to provide evidence to substantiate the reasons for a late RFP submission. It should be clearly noted that Bank of Baroda has no obligation to accept or act on any reason for a late submitted response to RFP.

Bank of Baroda shall not bear any liability to any person who lodges a late RFP for any reason whatsoever, including RFPs taken to be late only because of another condition of responding.

12.6 RFP Validity Period

RFPs will remain valid and open for evaluation according to their terms for a period of at least six (6) months from the RFP closing date.

12.7 Requests for Information

Vendors/Service Providers interested in submitting the bid, can meet Bank of Baroda official and make a presentation and / or ask for the clarification during the meeting. Any further questions or queries relating to the RFP, technical or otherwise, must be in writing only and should be addressed by email to:

Contact: Deputy Chief executive

Address: Bank of Baroda, 32 City Road, London, EC1Y 2BD, United Kingdom.

Email: dce.uk@bankofbaroda.com

Bank of Baroda will not answer any communication initiated by Respondents later than five business days prior to the due date for lodgement of RFPs. However, Bank of Baroda may in its absolute discretion seek, but shall be under no obligation to seek, additional information or material from any Respondents after the RFP closes and all such information and material provided must be taken to form part of that Respondent's response.

Respondents should invariably provide details of their email address (es) as responses to queries will only be provided to the Respondents via email.



If Bank of Baroda in its absolute discretion deems that the originator of the question will gain an advantage by a response to a question, then Bank of Baroda reserves the right to communicate such response to all Respondents.

Bank of Baroda may in its absolute discretion engage in discussion or negotiation with any Respondent (or simultaneously with more than one Respondent) after the RFP closes to improve or clarify any response.

13. Evaluation method and selection criteria

The Technical bids of the respondents shall be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned in point no.4 under section II. The commercial bids of the respondents qualifying the technical bid criteria shall be evaluated as per the criteria mentioned in point no. 5 under Section-II.

Respondents may be invited to provide a presentation of their proposals as part of their response. Respondents may be contacted nearer the time with a specific date for their presentation to take place.

14. Notification

Bank of Baroda will notify the Respondents in writing as soon as practicable, whether the Respondent's RFP response has been accepted or rejected. Bank of Baroda is not obliged to provide any reasons for any such acceptance or rejection.

15. Disqualification

Any form of canvassing/lobbying/influence/query regarding short listing, status etc. will be a disqualification.

16. Timeframe

The following is an indicative timeframe for the overall selection process. Issuance of RFP Document by Bank from: 22.02.2019 Last Date of Submission of Response by the Vendor/ Service Provider: 15.03.2019

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Financial Bids for RFP will be opened on: 22.03.2019

Acceptance of Work Order: <u>within one week of receipt of work order</u> SLA and NDA Agreement: to be signed after acceptance of the work order and before commencement of work. Contract to be signed in London, United Kingdom.



Bank of Baroda reserves the right to vary this timeframe at its absolute and sole discretion should the need arise. Changes to the timeframe will be relayed to the affected Respondents during the process.

17. Dispute Resolution

The Recipient and Bank of Baroda shall endeavour their best to amicably settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with the RFP in the following manner:

- a. The Party raising a dispute shall address to the other Party a notice requesting an amicable settlement of the dispute within seven (7) days of receipt of the notice.
- b. The matter will be referred for negotiation between authorized representative of Bank of Baroda and of the Recipient. The matter shall then be resolved between them and the agreed course of action documented within a further period of 15 days.
- c. In case any dispute between the Parties, does not settle by negotiation in the manner as mentioned above, the same shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration and such dispute may be submitted by either party for arbitration within 20 days of the failure of negotiations. Arbitration shall be held in London and conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws applicable for arbitration in England and Wales. The Arbitration proceedings shall be presided by the sole arbitrator appointed by Bank of Baroda.

18. Applicable Law and Jurisdiction of Court

Any disputes between Bank of Baroda and the Recipient arising out of the RFP shall be governed in accordance with the Laws of England for the time being in force.

19. Professionalism

The selected Vendor/ Service Provider should provide professional, objective and impartial advice at all times and hold the Bank of Baroda's interests paramount and should observe the highest standard of ethics while executing the assignment.

20. Execution of SLA

The selected Vendor/ Service Provider shall execute a Service Level Agreement, which would include all the services and terms and conditions of the services to be extended as detailed herein and any other conditions as may be prescribed by the Bank. The contract shall be executed by the authorized signatory of the selected Vendor/ Service Provider.

The Bank is in the process of formation of Retail Subsidiary Bank of Baroda Ltd. The services of the vendor/ service provider will be used in the branch and the proposed Retail subsidiary.



Section II

Project Requirements

1. Current RFP Objectives:

a. Project Objective

Bank of Baroda wishes to appoint a suitable vendor/Service Provider for Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) of locally hosted internet facing application servers and firewall.

b. Project Scope

Bank of Barodainvites tender from eligible bidders for Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) of locally hosted internet facing application servers and firewall. The criteria and the actual process of evaluation of the responses to this tender and subsequent selection of the successful bidder will be entirely at Bank's discretion. Selected bidder should carry out an assessment of Threat and access the risks in Bank's Information Technology Infrastructure at 32 city road, London EC1Y 2BD. This will include identifying existing threats if any and suggest remedial solutions and recommendations of the same to mitigate all identified risk, with the objective of enhancing the security of information systems.

2. Vendor/ Service Provider Eligibility Criteria

The major eligibility criteria for the Vendor/ Service Providers are given below:-

- a) The Vendor/ Service Provider should be a Company/ Firm/ Group Company, registered in UK with well proven track record of Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) of internet facing application servers and firewall.as per scope of work detailed in section 3.
- b) The Bidder should be an Information Security audit firm and should be one of CREST Member Company.
- c) The bidder should have conducted VAPT for at least 2 Financial Institutions in UK. (documentary evidence may have to be produced on request)
- d) The VAPT should be done by persons having required qualifications with at least 5 years of experience. (documentary evidence may have to be produced on request)
- e) The firm should submit Non-Disclosure Agreement.



3. Scope of Work

Broad High Level Scope of Work for drawing up the Application is given below:

i. VAPT Activities:

VAPT should be comprehensive but not limited to following activities: Network Scanning, Port scanning, system identification and trusted system scanning, Vulnerability scanning, Malware scanning, Spoofing, Application Security Testing, Access Control Mapping, Denial of Service Attack (DOS), Password cracking, Cookie Security, Functional Validations, DMZ Network architecture review, Firewall rule review, OS Security configuration, Database Security Configuration, any other attacks.

ii. Website / Web - Application Assessment :

Website / Web- Application assessment should be done as per the latest OWASP guidelines including but not limited to the following: Vulnerabilities to SQL Injections, CRLF injections, Directory Traversal, Authentication hacking/attacks, Password strength on authentication pages, Scan Java Script for security vulnerabilities, File inclusion attacks, Exploitable hacking vulnerable, Web server information security, HTTP Injection, Phishing a website, Buffer Overflows, Invalid Inputs, Insecure Storage etc. Any Other attacks, which are vulnerability to the website and web-applications. Web Assessment should be done by using Industry Standards and also as per the Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) methodology to Identify the security vulnerabilities including top web application vulnerabilities viz. Cross Site Scripting (XSS), Injection Flaws, Malicious File Execution, Insecure Direct Object Reference, Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF), Information Leakage and Improper Error Handling, Broken Authentication and Session Management, Insecure Cryptographic Storage, Insecure Communications, Failure to Restrict URL Access, etc and also to identify remedial solutions and recommendations for making the web applications secure.

iii. Approach to be followed in Penetration Testing is given here in below:

- a. Aggressiveness (Passive Scanning)
- b. Information base (Grey Box Test)
- c. Scope (Focused)
- d. Approach (Overt)
- e. Technique (Network-based)
- f. Starting point (from the outside and the inside)

iv. Method of VAPT activity to be followed:-

The selected Bidder has to undertake VAPT in a phased manner as described below:-

PHASE I-Conduct of VAPT as per Scope, Evaluation & Submission of Preliminary Reports of Findings and Discussion on the Findings.

PHASE II-Submission of Reports.

The activities covered under each Phase are appended below.



PHASE I :-

- i. Conduct of VAPT as per the scope
 - 1. The Bank will call upon the selected bidder, on placement of the order, to carry out demonstration and/or walk-through, and/or presentation and demonstration of all or specific aspects of the VAPT activity at the Bank's office in 32 city Road London EC1Y 2BD. All the expenses for the above will be borne by the concerned bidder.
 - 2. VAPT schedule to be provided 7 working days prior to the start of activity along with the team member details. A dedicated Project Manager shall be nominated, who will be the single point of contact for VAPT Activity in Mumbai. The selected Bidder to ensure that only certified and experienced professionals should be deployed for carrying out VAPT during the audit period.
 - 3. Execute Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration testing of Banks IT Infrastructure as per the scope on the written permission/Order from the Bank and in the presence of Bank's Officials.
 - 4. Analysis of the findings and Guidance for Resolution of the same.

ii. Detailing the Security Gaps

- 1. Document the security gaps i.e. vulnerability, security flaws, loopholes, threats, etc. observed during the course of the VAPT activity for all IT Infrastructure of the Bank as per the scope of work.
- 2. Document recommendations and solutions for addressing these security gaps and categorize the identified security gaps based on their criticality, resource/effort requirement to address them.
- 3. Chart a roadmap for the Bank to ensure compliance and address these security gaps.
- iii. Addressing the Security Gaps
 - 1. Recommend fixes for systems vulnerabilities in design or otherwise for application systems and network infrastructure. If recommendations for Risk Mitigation / Removal could not be implemented as suggested, alternate solutions to be provided.
 - 2. Suggest changes/modifications in the Security Policies and Security Architecture including Network and Applications of the Bank to address the same.

PHASE II:-

Submission of Reports:-

The selected bidder should submit the report of VAPT findings as per the report format. All the VAPT reports submitted should be signed by technically qualified persons and he/she should take ownership of document and he/she is responsible and accountable for the document/report submitted to Bank.



Acceptance of the Report:-

On receipt of the report from the selected Bidder, the Bank will scrutinize and after satisfying about the completeness of the report, the Bank will accept the report. If there are any inconsistencies in the report the selected Bidder should conduct proper test and resubmit the report to the Bank without any additional cost to the Bank.

IT-Infra in Scope and location:

Description	Type / No of Servers	Platform	
Application-	https://www.bankofbarodauk.com/	Developed by our vendor	
Website	https://london.bankofbarodauk.com/	M/s Silver touch	
	(subdomain)		
Application-	https://www.bankofbarodauk.com/Baro	Developed by vendor M/s	
Baroda Max	<u>daMaxEC/Default.aspx</u>	Inca infotech	
Application-	https://www.bankofbarodauk.com/BOB	Developed by vendor M/s	
Click Fund	CF2I/Login.aspx	Inca infotech	
to India			
Application	Server 1 -HP DL380p Gen8	Windows server OS, IIS	
server/web	Server 2- HPE DL380 Gen10	and SQL server 2017	
server and			
Data base			
server			
Firewall	FortiGate-100E	FG100E4Q17025405	
	FortiGate-100E (for resilience)	FG100ETK18000948	
Public IP	One		

Place of conducting the Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration testing for its locally hosted application server and firewall is given below

Bank of Baroda 32 city Road, London EC1Y2BD



4. Technical Bid Evaluation Criteria

Technical criteria are classified as under - (broad level)

S.NO.	MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	RESPONSE OF THE BIDDER	DOCUMENTS ATTACHED
1*	The Bidder should be an Information Security consulting firm and CREST Member Company.	YES/NO 20 Marks	Declaration letter
2*	The bidder should have conducted at least 2 VAPT Audits pertaining to Bank's or Financial institutions	YES/NO 30 marks	Please attach documentary evidence like work order evidencing the completion of the VAPT assignment.
3*	The consultants conducting the IS Audit, should be a Certified professional. And must have minimum of 5 years in Information Security Field.	YES/NO 20 marks	Please attach their current certificate and experience letters.
4	Number of CISA,CISM,CISSP,ISO 27001 certified resources <=5= 5 marks >6= 10 marks	Maximum 10 marks	Declaration letter
5	Multinational firm having presence in different countries <=5=10 marks >6= 20 marks	Maximum 20 marks	Declaration letter

* 70 Marks required for Technical Qualification

Please note bidders who fulfil the above criteria are only allowed.



4. Commercial Bid Evaluation Criteria:

- 1. For the purpose of selection of the Service Provider, a two-stage bidding process will be followed.
- 2. The bidders will submit their bids as "Technical Bid" and "Commercial Bid" respectively. The "Technical Bid" will contain exhaustive and comprehensive details, Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing(VAPT) approach documents etc.
- 3. The "Commercial Bid" will contain only the pricing information.
- 4. In the first stage, only the "Technical Bids" will be opened and evaluated. Those bidders whose technical bids satisfy the tender eligibility criteria shall only be short-listed for commercial bid evaluation. (Min Qualification Criteria 70 Marks)
- 5. Under the second stage, the Commercial Bids of bidders who have been shortlisted as stated in above, will be taken up for opening.
- 6. Kindly note that the Bank of Baroda's decision in the selection process will be final and, further, Bank of Baroda reserves the right to proceed with or cancel the bid processing at any stage of the bid -processing, if it considers such a cancellation is necessary. The final selection of commercial bids will be on L1 Basis.
- 7. Vendor should quote all applicable rates for conducting VAPT as per the above scope
- 8. The Payment Terms shall be as follows and subject to the deliverables.
- 9. 50% payment shall be paid on completing the selection process and issuance of Purchase order and the remaining 50% VAPT report as per Scope of Work.
- 10. Bidders have to make their own arrangement for their travel and stay at the above said locations during the assessment at their own cost.



Section III

QUESTIONNAIRE OVERVIEW

A questionnaire is set out below. The questionnaire is divided into the following sections:

- General questions.
- Services issues and technical capabilities.

1. GENERAL QUESTIONS

1.1 Contact details

a) Please supply details of the person(s) at your organisation who can be contacted by Bank of Baroda in relation to your response. Please give their name, title, address and location, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

1.2 Company details

- a) Please give details of your company, stating its full registered address and company registration number.
- b) Please set our details of the parent or holding company of the company specified in response to the above question, state where it is registered, ownership details and detail of its and its parent company's subsidiaries and specify the relationship between it and its parent/holding company or whether any group companies are publicly listed and, if so, on which stock exchanges.
- c) Please set out your geographical locations which are relevant to the requirements set out in this RFP and the length of time you have operated from these locations.

1.3 Your Organisation's staff

- a) Please give details of your staff numbers, skills, duties and locations those who will be associated with the proposed work. Please set out any key skills or employee dependencies and the availability of replacement skills in those areas.
- b) Please explain the organisational and management structure of your organisation (including an organogram of your executive management) and the roles and responsibilities of the management teams involved in relation to the services in the RFP.



1.4 Your history, approach, vision and values

- a) Please describe in brief terms, your organisation's history and the history of provision of outsourcing services.
- b) Over what period of time have you been providing services which are similar to those which are the subject of RFP.
- c) Please provide details of your corporate and business values and how this affects your organisation and the services it offers.

1.5 Customers

a) Please supply a list of customers to whom similar services to those contemplated by the RFP are provided and the types of services being provided.

1.6 References

a) Please provide references of work done in the past and the success ratio where services were provided similar to those being contemplated by the RFP.

1.7 Outsourcing experience

- a) Please provide details of previous experience in providing similar services to the services envisaged in this RFP, particularly your experience which relates to implementation/transition, service levels, regulatory compliance, achievement of economies of scale and value for money. Please provide details of size and scale of these services.
- b) Please specify any additional related services you could offer to Bank of Baroda and the benefits of such services.

1.8 Standards and procedures

- a) Please provide details of your quality assurance processes and management systems and if applicable any quality related accreditations or certifications you hold.
- b) Please set out your policies, procedures and processes in relation to the protection of all information and data in relation to the services and in relation to other security and confidentiality matters.
- c) Please provide a brief risk management overview of the risks that you foresee in the delivery of each area of the requirements you are responding to. Please categorise these risks according to whether they are risks for Bank of Baroda, for you, or risks that are to be shared jointly. Please specifically state how you propose to manage and/or mitigate these risks.



- d) Please confirm that all goods, services, software and intellectual property which would be provided or supplied by you in the course of the provision of the services are compliant with applicable regulatory framework.
- e) Please give details of the systems and processes that are intended to be used to ensure security of personal customer data.

1.9 Insurance

Please provide details of the levels and kinds of insurance held by your organisation and describe which services and areas such insurance would apply.

2. SERVICES ISSUES AND TECHNICAL CAPABILIITES

2.1 Services

- a) Please specify whether you are able to meet the requirements set out in Section II (Project Requirements) and your methodology for achieving this.
- b) Please specify how your organisation is structured to best provide the services (as detailed in Section II (Project Requirements)).
- c) Please specify the key members of staff that is proposed would be used to provide and manage the service throughout the transitional and operational phases of the project, along with their CVs and other relevant information.
- d) Please specify the proposed dedicated management team from Bank of Baroda's account, where they would be located and whether members of Bank of Baroda's operations team could be based at your operational site on at least a part-time basis.
- e) Please specify the standard service levels proposed in relation to the services to be provided pursuant to the project, and outline the method and frequency of reporting.
- f) Please describe how you would provide these services to Bank of Baroda and how you propose structuring and managing the provision of the services.
- g) What resources would you use to provide these services and give details of these resources, their experience and where they will be based?
- h) Would staff be dedicated to this service or shared with other services or other customers? If they are shared with others, please describe which staff would be shared and how this would work.



- i) Please specify if you would consider off-shoring (outside of the UK) any element of the service, along with details of potential locations, timing and expected benefits of the proposed off-shoring. Please indicate whether these off-shoring services would be provided by you or by a third party and whether new or existing relationships would be used. Please confirm that the off-shoring service levels are at least equivalent to those in the UK. Please confirm that the service can be provided during UK working hours.
- j) Please describe your problem escalation procedure and the timescales for escalating problems in relation to this service.
- k) How would you provide the services within the core hours and outside of the core hours stated? Do you have any limit on the type of cover you would offer at different times of day?
- 1) Please describe your competencies and experience in providing these services.
- m) What assets would you be using, those of Bank of Baroda or your own in relation to these services and why? Where would they be located?
- n) What are your own disaster recovery plans for these types of services.
- o) Are there any additional services you can provide or would wish to offer in relation to these services?
- p) Would you propose any different approaches to the provision of these services from that set out in the RFP and if so, please describe.
- q) Are there any new developments in the marketplace or potential technological or any changes in relation to the services which may affect the provision of the services which are subject of the RFP?

2.2 Other capabilities

Please set out any additional capabilities or other services you provide beyond the scope of those contained in the RFP which may be of interest to Bank of Baroda.
