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RSD 17.8 (b)	The Key Signing Key (KSK) and Zone Signing Key (ZSK) minimum key size must be RSA 2048-bit keys.	<p>Are the bit length requirements only as they pertain to RSA/SHA-256?</p> <p>From RFC 6605: "Current estimates are that ECDSA with curve P-256 has an approximate equivalent strength to RSA with 3072-bit keys. [...]</p> <p>ECDSA keys are much shorter than RSA keys; at this size, the difference is 256 versus 3072 bits."</p>	<p>Yes, this bit length is specific to the RSA algorithm. auDA will accept proposals that utilise alternative algorithms (such as ECDSA) and will evaluate them based off the suitable bit length for such alternatives.</p>

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<p>Annexure E E.1 Risk Management Q.1.8</p>	<p>Please describe the Tenderer's approach to monitoring and mitigating instances of fraud within its organisation. Provide details of any relevant policies, procedures or practices that the Tenderer has.</p>	<p>Could you please provide examples of the types of fraud you would expect a Tenderer response to cover?</p>	<p>auDA expects that organisations have a structured approach to preventing, detecting and addressing any fraudulent activities relevant to the provision of services on behalf of auDA. A fraud policy should be tailored to the specific needs and risks of the tenderer's organisation and services being delivered. However Tenderers should consider any types of fraud that may impact negatively on auDA in any way, but specifically financially or reputationally for auDA by association with the Tenderer and their operations.</p> <p>Examples of fraud include issuing false invoices and expense claims, dishonestly handling funds that should be remitted to auDA, theft by Tenderer personnel of Tenderer or auDA property, use of auDA confidential information for an unauthorised purpose to gain a personnel benefit, misappropriation or use of company assets for personal gain, failing to disclose information that a person is legally obliged to disclose, and acceptance of, or offering, bribes.</p>

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RSD 6.13 (c)	The Drop List must support direct match entries on the Reserved Names list.	Could you please clarify this requirement? Does this mean that if a dropped name is part of the reserved name list, it must not be available for re-registration?	Direct match is the same as exact match. The Registry System must be capable of prohibiting the re-registration of a name on the Reserved Names list, if an existing registered domain name that matches the Reserved Name expires or is deleted.
Annexure B - Tenderer's Deed Template	Deed Poll	Could you please confirm: a Deed Poll must be executed and submitted simultaneously with a Tenderer's bid?	Yes - the Tenderer's Deed Template in Annexure B must be signed and submitted as part of the tenderer's bid. That is all files (including the Tenderer's Deed) must be uploaded before the Closing Time.

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Annexure I - Financial Due Diligence	Details of insurance cover and suite of policies held and proposed to be held if delivering the Registry Services, including conditions and exclusions.	Could you please share the scope of insurance coverage auDA expects a Tenderer to have, including details about must-have coverage and coverage that would be nice for a Tenderer to have, but is not required?	<p>Please review section 5 <i>Insurance Details</i> of Schedule 2 <i>Agreement Details</i> of the draft Registry Services Agreement.</p> <p>Insurances which auDA anticipates will be held by the Registry Operator may include Business Travel, Workers Compensation, Corporate Practices Protection, Directors & Officers Insurance, IT Liability and Cyber, and General Liability. This list is not exhaustive and Tender respondents should exercise their own commercial judgement in determining the appropriate covers, excess amounts, limits and layers of cover in consultation with their professional advisors.</p>
Annexure I - Financial Due Diligence	Tenderers should upload with their Tender the information listed below for the Tenderer and any ultimate parent entity.	Could you please provide a definition of "any ultimate parent" in this context?	An Ultimate Holding Company has overall control of another company. It can have interests in any number of subsidiaries but cannot be a subsidiary itself. It is sometimes referred to as a controlling entity.

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6.6 Security, probity, referee and other checks	<p>(a) auDA may perform any security, probity, referee and other checks, or financial assessments or investigations, it considers necessary in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tenderers; (ii) their Related Bodies Corporate; and (iii) their respective officers, employees, advisers or contractors. <p>(b) Tenderers are to promptly provide auDA with any information or consent needed to undertake such investigations, including consent for auDA to liaise with third parties who hold the information that auDA requires.</p>	<p>Could auDA please provide examples and more detail as to what referee, checks, assessments or investigations it may consider necessary to undertake pursuant to this Section 6.6.?</p>	<p>auDA will undertake checks as it sees necessary based on the Tenderer's response. There are no specific checks that auDA will undertake for all Tenderers.</p>

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6.5 of RFT	<p>6.5 Tender Evaluation Criteria</p> <p>(a) The criteria to be applied for the purposes of evaluation of Tenders are set out in the Evaluation Criteria Table below. Tenderers are to address each evaluation criterion by completing the Tender Response Templates in the Annexures attached to Schedule 4.</p> <p>(b) The evaluation criteria are not specified in any order of importance.</p>	<p>Can you disclose the weighting that will be applied when determining an overall score to each Evaluation Criteria listed in the table in section 6 of the RFT?</p>	<p>No weighting has been applied to the evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria are not specified in any order of importance.</p>
Annexure F	<p>Please describe recent contributions (within the last 3 years) that the Tenderer has made</p>	<p>Would auDA consider revising the specific requirement in Annexure F for respondents to provide recent examples, defined as within the last 3 years, to each of the questions?</p>	<p>auDA will not amend the RFT. However, if a Tenderer is unable to provide experience from within the past 3 years, the Tenderer may submit older experience, noting that such experience will be less competitive than more recent experience.</p>

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Annexure I	<p>Copies of the last three audited (or provisional) annual reports.</p> <p>Financial statements (Management Accounts) for the current financial year to date and a balance sheet showing the present financial position as at the latest date available.</p>	<p>What should a respondent that does not have formally audited financial statements provide?</p>	<p>If a Tenderer does not have externally audited accounts, then auDA will accept copies of the Tenderer's three most recent unaudited annual reports and the Tenderer's most recent management accounts. auDA recommends that unaudited annual reports be accompanied with the Tenderer's taxation returns lodged with the Australian Tax Office (or its equivalent if a foreign legal entity) for the last three annual reporting periods.</p> <p>auDA will not view unaudited annual reports as favourably as audited accounts, and this may also affect auDA's overall risk evaluation for the Tenderer.</p>