**[Company Name]**

**Secure Platform Architecture for Real-Time Threat Analysis and Network Defense (SPARTAN)**

**Request for Information (RFI) 2**

**Whitepaper Response**

*This template provides a standardized format for responding to the Request for Information (RFI) 2 for the SPARTAN MAC IDIQ IDCS program (RFI FA8307-25-R-B057). Adherence to these instructions is crucial for ensuring your submission is complete and easily evaluated.*

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**
   1. ***Instructions:***
      1. *Content and Structure:* Your whitepaper must be structured into the following sections, as detailed below.
      2. *Answering Questions:* Clearly indicate (cite) the question number being answered at the start of each response within Sections 2A-N.
      3. *Cohesive Narrative:* Construct a single, cohesive narrative for each section or capability area, seamlessly integrating answers to all relevant questions.
      4. *Focused Responses:* While a comprehensive response is encouraged, vendors should only complete the Capability Area sections (Section 3.1 below) corresponding to the specific IDCS capability areas in the SPARTAN RFI 2, Section 2, where they possess demonstrable experience and capabilities. Omission of sections where your organization lacks relevant experience is acceptable.
      5. *Specific Examples:* Support your responses with specific examples from past projects to demonstrate relevant experience and capabilities. Avoid generic statements or hypothetical scenarios.
      6. *SOO Alignment:* Ensure your responses are clearly linked to *Attachment 1 SPARTAN SOO 28 August 2025, Section 4.5, Capabilities*. Explain how your proposed solutions align with and support the objectives outlined in the SOO.
      7. *Proprietary Information:* Proprietary information should be minimal and clearly marked. Segregate it into a separate section or appendix. All submissions become US Government property and will not be returned.
      8. *Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI):* If your response contains CUI, See SPARTAN RFI 2 Document, Section 3.4 Controlled Unclassified Information, CUI.
      9. *Submission Format:* Submit your response as *both* a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx, compatible with Microsoft version 2015 or newer) *and* a Portable Document Format (PDF) document.
      10. *Language and Formatting:* Responses must be in English, using Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins on all sides.
      11. *File Naming:* Follow the file naming convention: [Company Name]\_IDCS\_RFI2\_Whitepaper.docx
   2. ***Vendor Information:*** *The information within this section will be used to capture the demographics of the responding business. Please fill out the following information*
      1. *Company/Institute Name:*
      2. *Address:*
      3. *UEI/CAGE Code:*
      4. *Primary Point of Contact:*
      5. *Phone Number:*
      6. *E-mail Address:*
      7. *Web Page URL:*
   3. **Business Status Certification:** *Please indicate if your company has any of the following* 
      1. *Business size/Category under NAICS 541512 (including Small Business designations: WOSB, SDB, 8(a), HUBZone, VOSB, SDVOSB) and SAM registration status?*
      2. *Is your business domestic or foreign owned? (if foreign, please indicate country)*
      3. *List of existing Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) Vehicles, IDIQs, or other Contract Vehicles.*
      4. *Does your organization have any relevant partnerships, collaborations, or competitive interactions with the entities in the SPARTAN RFI 2, Section 3.4.1, Table 2, AFLCMC/HNCD (IDCS) Support Vendors*
   4. **Technical & Security Capabilities:** *Does your company have the following:*
      1. *Facility Security Clearance (FCL) Status:*
      2. *Adequate accounting system?*
      3. *Ability to work on-site in San Antonio, Texas?*
      4. *CMMC Level 3 compliance?*
      5. *Ability to obtain network access to NIPR, SIPR, and higher security networks?*
      6. *Cleared facility in San Antonio, TX?*
      7. *Does your company employ foreign nationals?*
      8. *Does your company have any affiliation with a foreign government?*
      9. *Experience creating a Cost and Software Data Report (CSDR) In accordance with DFAR clause 252.234-7004 utilizing any of the following Data Item Descriptions: Contractor Business Data Report DI-FNCL-81765B, Software Resources Data Reporting DI-MGMT-82035A, Technical Data Report DI-MGMT-82165, Cost and Hour Report (FlexFile) DI-FNCL-82162, Quantity Data Report DI-MGMT-82164, Maintenance and Repair Parts Data Report DI-MGMT-82163?*
2. **TECHNICAL RESPONSE-CAPABILITY AREA-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (55 PAGES MAXIMUM TOTAL)**

*Instructions:* Respond to questions in the SPARTAN RFI Letter, Section 2, Capability Area-Specific Questions, by constructing a *single, cohesive narrative for each Capability Area.* This narrative must fully address all questions within the section, provide specific examples from past projects, and link your solutions to the relevant Attachment 1 SPARTAN SOO 28 August 2025, Capabilities Sections 4.5.1 through 4.5.10. Sections below identify the Capability Areas that are highlighted in the RFI Letter.

* 1. *Cloud Services and Infrastructure Management (2.1) (5 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  2. *Agile Software Engineering and DevSecOps (2.2) (5 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  3. *Cybersecurity Operations and Compliance (2.3) (5 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  4. *Data Management, Analytics, and AI/ML Integration (2.4) (5 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  5. *System and Enterprise Integration Services (2.5) (5 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  6. *Command, Control, Communications, Computer, and Cyber Intelligence (C5I) Support (2.6) (5 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  7. *Enterprise Architecture and Requirements Management (2.7) (5 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  8. *Test, Evaluation, and Validation Services (2.8) (5 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  9. *Service Management, Training, and Sustainment Operations (2.9) (3 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  10. *Program Management, Governance, and Innovation (2.10) (2 Pages Maximum): [Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  11. *General Implementation Approach (2.11.1) (5 Pages Maximum)[Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  12. *Labor Category (LCAT Analysis) (2.11.2) (1 Pages Maximum)[Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  13. *Additional Beneficial Questions (2.11.3) (2 Pages Maximum)[Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*
  14. *General SOO Clarity (2.11.4) (2 Pages Maximum)Your Narrative Response Here: Do not reiterate the question itself within your narrative]*

1. **PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:** 
   1. *Clearly mark this section as "Proprietary Information."*
   2. *Segregate all proprietary information into this section.*
   3. *Clearly identify the specific data that is considered proprietary.*
   4. *Refer to Section 3.3 of the SPARTAN RFI Letter for guidance on marking proprietary information.*
2. **IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:**
   1. *Page Limits: Strictly adhere to the page limits for each section.*
   2. *Formatting: Use the specified font, margins, and file formats.*
   3. *Clarity: Provide clear, concise, and well-organized responses.*
   4. *Examples: Use specific examples to demonstrate your capabilities. Avoid generic statements or hypothetical scenarios.*
   5. *Proprietary Information: Follow the instructions for marking and segregating proprietary information.*
   6. *Controlled Unclassified Information: If your response contains CUI, you must mark it in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 5200.48, "Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI)," and 32 CFR Part 2002.*
   7. *When inserting Tables and Figures that are CUI, ensure proper marking IAW DoDI 5200.48*
   8. *Submission: Submit your response by the deadline to the specified email addresses using the proper file naming convention.*
   9. *Encrypt all CUI e-mail transmissions.*

***Disclaimer:*** *This template is based on the provided RFI. It's the vendor's responsibility to ensure their response fully complies with all RFI requirements.*