

Sources Sought for FACE™ Certification Authority / Library Administrator

The Open Group Future Airborne Capability Environment (FACE) Consortium is seeking qualified applicants for consideration as the FACE Certification Authority (CA) / Library Administrator (LA).

FACE Certification Authority / FACE Library Administrator

The FACE CA / LA shall be a single entity approved by the FACE Steering Committee. The CA / LA shall be responsible for assessing submissions for certification, monitoring legal agreements, issuing the FACE Conformance Certificate, and managing the day-to-day operations of the FACE Library.

The FACE CA / LA shall execute these responsibilities under contract with The Open Group on behalf of the FACE Consortium. The expected revenue model for FACE CA / LA support shall be on fee per certified Unit of Conformance.

To effectively function as the FACE Certification Authority, the CA / LA shall:

- Be a legal entity capable of entering into the agreements required in the FACE Conformance Policy with the Software Supplier or their sponsor
- Provide mitigation and substantiation of any organizational conflicts of interest and substantiate this assertion through auditable documentation
- Hold in confidence all information submitted by organizations
- Be capable of collecting fee by check, cash, money order, purchase order and credit card transaction
- All employees must be US Persons as defined by US Code: Title 22 § 120.15

The CA / LA shall demonstrate and maintain knowledge of the following:

- FACE Conformance and Library Policies
- FACE technical approach and business objectives

The CA / LA shall demonstrate proficiency with:

- Management and operation of software or systems certification programs
- Management and operation of software registries and repositories
- Web hosting and administration, including Incorporation of Protection, Detection, Reaction, and Restoration (PDRR) and Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability capabilities.
- Automated and manual software configuration management procedures

The CA / LA shall:

- Perform the duties of the CA / LA per the FACE Conformance Authorities Plan, Library Requirements, and Library Policy documents
- Enable and support the Problem Reporting / Change Request (PR/CR) process
- Comply with the certification processing time set by the FACE Consortium

- Comply with guidelines for registration processing and content update timeliness set by the FACE Consortium
- Maintain records of FACE Conformance artifacts in accordance with FACE Library Requirements
- Hold all information on applications and applicants confidential
- Host, administer, and maintain the Consortium-provided Conformance Workflow and PR/CR Tools or provide a toolset with equivalent capability that meets the requirements defined in the FACE Library Requirements Document
- Host and maintain a public-facing landing page utilizing an open-source content management system
- Manage the facesoftware.org domain name (including domain registration and TLS certificate maintenance)
- Assess product and verification metadata for certification and issue the Certificate of Conformance
- Assess product submissions for registration by evaluating the completeness of the metadata provided by the Software Supplier and notifying the Software Supplier of any issues requiring correction
- Notify The Open Group of any/all system/software breaches, data leaks, and intrusions
- Notify The Open Group of breaches in the terms of the legal agreements by the Software Supplier

Instructions

Organizations shall make known their interest by responding to this announcement with a summary of relevant past performance, ability to perform the roles of the FACE CA / LA, by 5:00 pm EST on April 21, 2017. Responders are encouraged to provide pricing models based on prior experience with similar efforts in their responses.

Responses are limited to 5 pages (8.5 x 11 in, one-sided). Please include organization name and point of contact and send responses by email to: ogface-admin@opengroup.org

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Questions can be emailed to: ogface-admin@opengroup.org