

RFP 9461 – Q&A - Final

Q: Can GRDA provide a high-level estimate of the percentage of the 117 safeguards for which supporting evidence currently exists within Optro, versus safeguards where evidence may need to be supplemented during the engagement?

A: 100%

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Q: GRDA responded to a previous question to confirm operating effectiveness testing is expected. For any sample-based operating effectiveness testing, what audit period should be considered in-scope for this engagement?

A: July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Q: Will your chosen service provider receive read-only access to the Optro CIS CSC workspace to independently review artifacts?

A: Yes.

Q: Does Optro identify the primary control owner(s) for each in-scope safeguard, or will GRDA provide a separate matrix identifying responsible personnel for interview planning purposes?

A: Yes.

Q: Will GRDA designate a central coordinator to assist with scheduling stakeholder interviews and follow-up meetings throughout the engagement?

A: Yes.

Q: Will the assessment scope be focused on the IT environment or will it also include the OT environment?

A: It will be limited to our IT environment.

Q: If the assessment is to include the OT environments, how many separate OT environments are in scope?

A: N/A, OT environment not included.

Q: What is the audit period for this engagement?

A: July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Q: What date is the final report needed?

A: There is not a hard deadline for the final results to be communicated to GRDA.

Q: Are there any dates from October 1 through December 31 that key GRDA personnel involved with this project will be out of office for an extended period?

A: At this time, there are no known dates where key personnel will be unavailable for an extended period of time. Holidays during this period include November 11, 26, and 27 and December 24 and 25.