

RFI SIEM Solution – Question & Answer 3

Requirement: The systems shall be able to process at a minimum of 1,200,000 flows per minute per instance.

Question: What exactly is a flow in context of events and in this requirement?

Answer: “Flow” is a generic term used to describe a data stream that a product would ingest.

Requirement: The Government requires delivery of a SIEM solution that does not contain any code that will, upon the occurrence or the nonoccurrence of any event, disable functionality. Such code includes but is not limited to a computer virus, restrictive key, node lock, time-out or other function, whether implemented by electronic, mechanical, or other means, which limits or hinders the use or access to any computer software based on residency on a specific hardware configuration, frequency of duration of use, or other limiting criteria. If any such code is present, the Contractor agrees to indemnify the Government for all damages suffered as a result of a disabling caused by such code, and the Contractor agrees to remove such code upon the Government’s request at no extra cost to the Government. Inability of the Contractor to remove the disabling software code will be considered an inexcusable delay and a material breach of contract and the Government may exercise its right to terminate for cause. In addition, the Government is permitted to remove the code as it deems appropriate and charge the Contractor for consideration for the time and effort in removing the code.

Question: The above requirement limits the technology available, and therefore competition, based on license violation and lack of response to license warnings.

Answer: This section is intended to ensure the proposed/ selected product is able to operate with stability and reliability and is not intended to impose any restriction to technology or competition.