Answers to questions submitted to ARIN about their:
RFP To Conduct ARIN's 2026 External and Internal Penetration Testing

Notes:

- The Request for Proposal (RFP) was first posted on 16 July 2026.
- Reminder that the deadline for proposals is Friday, 21 August 2026.

Questions:

External Penetration Testing

1. How many live external IP addresses are in scope?
   A: Between 450 and 550.
2. How many public-facing domains, subdomains, and hostnames should be included?
   A: ARIN.net and its subdomains, with some exceptions.
3. Are all four locations (Ashburn, Culpeper, San Jose, Seattle) represented in the external footprint, or is external exposure centralized?
   A: Yes, all four will be included.
4. Should cloud-hosted assets (AWS, Azure, GCP, SaaS) be included, and if so, do you already have written authorization from the provider?
   A: Yes, to be discussed after award.

Internal Penetration Testing

1. How many internal IP addresses or live hosts are in scope?
   A: Approximately 3,100 A and AAAA records in internal DNS.
2. How many internal subnets or VLANs should be assessed?
   A: 36 VLANS
3. Will testing be performed on-site at one or more locations, or will remote access be provided (VPN, jump host, or a virtual appliance deployed internally)?
   A: Remote access will be provided. There is no on-site work expected.
4. If on-site work is required, which facilities should be included and for how many days?
   A: N/A
5. Should testing be conducted from an unauthenticated perspective, an authenticated assumed-breach perspective, or both?
   A: Internal testing should be authenticated, assuming a breach has occurred.
6. How many Active Directory domains and forests are in scope? Approximate counts of users and endpoints would also be helpful.
   A: There is one domain/forest with approximately 650 user accounts and 500 endpoints.

7. Are OT, IoT, or registry-specific infrastructure segments (e.g., Whois, RDAP, RPKI, DNS platforms) included in scope or excluded?
   A: Included.

Application-Specific Vulnerability Testing

There will be no application-specific vulnerability testing conducted in 2026.