

Notification of Intent to Invite Bids

Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

REPLACE AND SUSTAIN DCIS AFLOAT COMMAND PLATFORM FOR NRF

NCI Agency Reference #: IFB-CO-115418-DCIS-AFLOAT

Estimated Amount to include O&M: EUR 7,308,083

NOI Closing Date: 12 January 2024

Solicitation Release Date: Anticipated on 31 January 2024

Solicitation Closing Date: Anticipated on 31 July 2024

Contract Award Date: Anticipated on 31 December 2024

Competition Type: ICB Lowest Priced Technically Compliant

The NCI Agency hereby notifies the NATO Nations of its intent to invite bids for the procurement of for the Replacement and Sustainment of the DCIS AFLOAT Command Platform for the NATO Rapid Reaction Force). The project will replace two existing ACP CIS equipment sets¹, representing the augmentation of organic CIS capabilities of a JTF host ship provided by a NATO Nation. The ACP capability can be deployed to NATO ships designated to the NRF standby and preparation in support of exercises and sea-based joint operations. It can also be deployed in support of ashore operations in an austere environment.

NCI Agency Point of Contact

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Annexes:

- A. Summary of Requirements
- B. Distribution List

To : Distribution List

Subject : **Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for REPLACE AND SUSTAIN DCIS AFLOAT COMMAND PLATFORM FOR NRF**

References :

- A.** AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition), NSIP Procedures for International Competitive Bidding
- B.** AC/4-DS(2021)0003, dated 08 March 2021, NATO Investment Committee Decision Sheet
- C.** AC/4(PP)D/27995-ADD1/ AC/4(PP)D/27995-ADD2
- D.** C-M(2002)49, NATO Security Policy

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1. In accordance with References A through D, the NCI Agency, as the Host Nation responsible to implement the project in subject, hereby gives notice of its intent (NOI) to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for REPLACE AND SUSTAIN DCIS AFLOAT COMMAND PLATFORM FOR NRF, hereafter referred to as the "Project".
 2. A high-level summary of the Project's technical requirements is set forth in Annex A hereto. These requirements are being refined and will be included in further details as part of the IFB.
 3. The reference for this Project is IFB-CO-115418-DCIS-AFLOAT, and all correspondence concerning this NOI and subsequent IFB should reference this number.

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- a.** In addition to the certification of the company's security clearances required under this NOI, the DoE should include the following information for each of the nominated companies:
 - Company name
 - Company address
 - Point of Contact (PoC)
 - PoC email address
 - PoC telephone number
 - b.** This information is critical to enable prompt and accurate communication with prospective bidders and should be sent to IFB-CO-115418-dcis@ncia.nato.int **No later than 12 January 2024.**
4. In order to maximize competition the NCI Agency may, at its discretion, accept nominations after the deadline, so long as the IFB has not been issued. The NCI Agency may even accept, at its discretion, nominations after the IFB has been issued under the condition that such late

nomination will not be used as the basis to request an extension to the bid closing date.

5. Requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual companies will not be considered.
6. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of 12 months from bid closing date. Should the selection and award procedure exceed the bid closing date by more than 12 months, companies will be requested to voluntarily extend the validity of their bids accordingly. Bidders may decline to do so, withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
7. National authorities are advised that the IFB package is anticipated to be NATO UNCLASSIFIED.
8. The successful bidder will be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO SECRET. In addition, contractor personnel will be required to work unescorted in Class II Security areas. Therefore, access can only be permitted to cleared individuals. Only companies maintaining such cleared facilities and the appropriate personnel clearances will be able to perform the resulting contract.
9. The NCI Agency is not liable for any expenses incurred by companies in conjunction with their responses to this NOI and such responses shall not be regarded as a commitment of any kind concerning future procurement of the items or services described herein.
10. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

For the Chief of Acquisition:

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Annex A – Summary of Requirements

Project No. [2017/0CM03146]

1. Project Objective

This Project “Replace and Sustain DCIS Afloat Command Platform (ACP) for NRF” will deliver two of DCIS Points of Presence (DPOP) in support of the Joint Task Force (JTF) HQ exercising command from on-board of a maritime unit. A JTF HQ can be deployed on a ship, using the ACP while at sea or alongside, allowing the JTF HQ to sail at short notice.

The systems to be delivered, hereafter referred to as the DCIS AFLOAT, will give NATO deployed forces access to NATO’s strategic communication infrastructure and provide secure and non-secure voice, video and data services.

This project will complement and interoperate with the current generation of DCIS POPs (or DPOPs), e.g. Firefly, Dragonfly, in support of voice, video and data communications between deployed elements of the NRF and the static or deployed HQs of the NATO Command Structure (NCS).

2. Scope of Work

The contract scope is for the provision by the contractor of the following activities:

Project Management

System Design (including a First Article System Test)

Production Units and Integration

Integrated Logistics Support

Configuration Management

Quality Assurance

Testing and Acceptance

Security Accreditation

Annex B – Distribution List

NATO Delegations:

Albania	Hungary	Poland
Belgium	Iceland	Portugal
Bulgaria	Italy	Romania
Canada	Latvia	Slovakia
Croatia	Lithuania	Slovenia
Czechia	Luxembourg	Spain
Denmark	Montenegro	The Republic of Türkiye
Estonia	Netherlands	The United Kingdom
Germany	North Macedonia	The United States
Greece	Norway	
France		

Embassies in Brussels (Attn: Commercial Attaché):

Albania	Hungary	Poland
Belgium	Iceland	Portugal
Bulgaria	Italy	Romania
Canada	Latvia	Slovakia
Croatia	Lithuania	Slovenia
Czechia	Luxembourg	Spain
Denmark	Montenegro	The Republic of Türkiye
Estonia	Netherlands	The United Kingdom
Germany	North Macedonia	The United States
Greece	Norway	
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