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Notification of Intent

Asset, Configuration, Patching and Vulnerability (ACPV) Management

NCI Agency Reference: NOI-CO-115699-ACPV

The NCI Agency is seeking to award a contract to provide a solution for ACPV services for the NATO enterprise. Firms interested in participating in an Industry Day to discuss ACPV services for the NATO enterprise are encouraged to contact their National Delegation.

An Industry Day is set to take place during the last week of June 2022. The Industry Day will be conducted virtually and registration instructions will be provided via an Amendment to this NOI.

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To: See Distribution List

Subject: NCI Agency Notification of Intent for ACPV

References:

- A. C-M(2015)0025 – NATO Financial Regulations
- B. AC/337-D(2016)0014 – NCIO Financial Rules and Procedures
- C. BC-D(2018)0004 – BC Military Budget Procurement Guidance

1. This is a Notification of Intent (NOI). THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, QUOTATION, BIDS OR SOLUTION. In accordance with References A-C, notice is given of the intent to award a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) contract to provide a solution for ACPV services for the NATO enterprise.
2. The NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency) will hold an Industry Day. While participation in this Industry Day is voluntary, industry partners are encouraged to attend. The Industry Day will be a one-time opportunity to communicate critical information about ACPV and envisaged procurement approach. Innovative ideas, suggestions and methods discussed

during the conference could potentially be incorporated into a performance specification and contract structure of the solicitation for the ACPV.

3. A synopsis of the ACPV scope of work is set forth in Annex B attached to this letter.
4. The reference for this NOI is **NOI-CO-115699-ACPV** and all correspondence concerning this announcement should reference this number.
5. The NCI Agency plans to issue a solicitation package using an agile process and the procurement will be competed. The successful offer, pursuant to the solicitation package following this NOI, will be the solution that offers the best value in accordance with the evaluation criteria prescribed in the solicitation.
6. The procurement approach and activities will be explained during Industry Day.
7. Eligibility will be declared by National Responsible Authorities. Hence, firms interested in attending Industry day are invited to communicate interest to their National Authorities. Firms are hereby requested a Declaration of Eligibility (DoE) is sent via their Delegation/Mission to NATO to the NCI Agency contracting authority at RFS-CO-115699-ACPV@ncia.nato.int.
8. National Responsible Authorities are kindly requested to provide a list to the NCI Agency with DoE, not later than **Friday, 24 June 2022**, of qualified and certified firms which may be interested in participating in the upcoming Industry Day.
 - a. In addition to the certification of the firm's security clearances required under this Notification of Intent, the DoE should include the following information for each of the nominated firms:
 - Name of the Firm
 - Telephone number
 - E-mail address
 - Point of Contact
 - b. This information is critical to enable prompt and accurate communication with prospective participants and should be sent electronically to: RFS-CO-115699-ACPV@ncia.nato.int
9. Requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual companies cannot be considered. Requests for participation in Industry Day from individual companies will be considered as long as engagement with their National Responsible Authorities has begun.
10. National authorities are advised that a solicitation package will be issued before the end of 2022. The solicitation package is anticipated to be NATO UNCLASSIFIED; however, the solicitation and the contractual documents could

contain references to other NATO documents classified as NATO RESTRICTED.

11. A successful participant(s) may be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO SECRET. In addition, Contractor personnel may be required to work unescorted in Class II Security areas and therefore, access can only be permitted to cleared individuals. Only firms maintaining such cleared facilities and the appropriate personnel clearances will be able to perform the resulting contract.
12. Upon release of the solicitation package, the NCI Agency reserves the right to request a solution demonstration. However, given the current global landscape, any demonstrations may be delivered via video conferencing tool at the discretion of the NCI Agency.
13. The NCI Agency is not liable for any expenses incurred by firms in conjunction with their responses to this NOI and/or Industry Day participation and this Survey shall not be regarded as a commitment of any kind concerning future procurement of the items described.
14. The NCI Agency point of contact for all information concerning this NOI is Mr Edel Esparza, Senior Contracting Officer who can be reached at email: RFS-CO-115699-ACPV@ncia.nato.int
15. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

For the Chief of Acquisition:



Edel Esparza
Senior Contracting Officer

Attachment(s):

- Annex A – Distribution List
- Annex B – Synopsis of Requirements

Annex A: Distribution List for Notification of Intent NOI-CO-115699-ACPV

NATO Delegations (Attn: Military Budget Committee or Infrastructure Adviser):

Albania
Belgium
Bulgaria
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Estonia
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Montenegro
The Netherlands
North Macedonia
Norway
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Turkey
United Kingdom
United States

- **Belgium Ministry of Economic Affairs**
- **NATO HQ**
NATO Office of Resources, Management and Implementation Branch –
Attn: Deputy Branch Chief
NATO HQ C3 Staff - Attn: Executive Coordinator
- **NCI Agency – Internal Distribution**
ACQ Chief of Acquisition
ACQ Deputy Chief of Acquisition
ACQ Principal Contracting Officer
CIO Sourcing Manager
CIO Senior Scientist
ACPV Programme Manager

Annex B: Synopsis of Requirements for Asset, Configuration, Patching and Vulnerabilities (ACPV)

1. Introduction

NATO is planning to continuously improve Vulnerability Management, as a part of its aim to continue operating at best in class security levels, through the dynamic leveraging of selected industry capabilities.

2. Project Scope

- a. The initial scope of the ACPV project is to deliver a single source of truth through a foundational asset, configuration and patch management solution across the NATO enterprise. This shall support the required visibility to the cybersecurity functions with an initial focus on supporting a risk informed Vulnerability Management function (“ACP for V”). This will form the core of the authoritative asset, configuration and patching information data source for the NATO Enterprise.
- b. The envisaged solution should include a Target Operating Model (TOM) that fully addresses the three dimensions of People, Processes, Technology and the accompanying Organisational Change Management best practices to implement it.
- c. The ACPV secondary scope is to create a NATO enterprise framework that will eventually support the needs of other key functional areas (e.g. wider IT service management, financial, audit, logistics, etc.) relying on asset, configuration and patch management through a federated approach. Providers will be asked to explain how their solution for cybersecurity can be expanded to include other key functions consuming asset, configuration, and patch management data or relying on patch management processes.
- d. Whilst a NATO Enterprise framework is in scope, the implementation of asset, configuration and patch management in support of functions like IT service management, finance, audit and logistics is out of scope.

3. Geographical Implementation

- a. The ACPV solution will be implemented across the entire NATO Enterprise.