



Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for

Provision of COTS IT Hardware Equipment and Associated Support (IT), duly named e-FIT

IFB-CO-115760-e-FIT

Period of Performance:

A basic period of three (3) years plus two 12-month option periods

Estimated Value:

Not To Exceed (NTE) ceiling amount of 60,000,000 EUR throughout the contract life of three year base period plus two one-year options (if exercised) for two schedules.

The NCI Agency plans to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for e-FIT COTS Standard End-User Equipment and (LAN) Network Equipment; which will result in the award of up to two (2) Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Single Award Schedules, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity, Delivery Order Contracts seeking to establish a framework agreement serving as the preferred vehicle for commercial IT of multiple funding sources at the NATO Enterprise level on an "as needed -when needed" basis.

The NCI Agency anticipates issuing the formal Invitation For Bid (IFB) in the third quarter **Q3 2022**, with an anticipated bid closing date in the fourth quarter **Q4 2022**, and an expected contract award by the fourth quarter **Q4 2022**.

NCI Agency Point of Contact

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19 July 2022

To : Distribution List

Subject : **Notification of Intent to Invite Bids**
Provision of COTS IT Hardware Equipment and Associated Support (IT), duly named (e-FIT)

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Reference(s) : A. AC/337-D(2016)0014 dated 16 March 2016
B. BC-D(2018)0004- Final dated 29 January 2018

1. In accordance with References A and B, notice is given of the intent of the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency), as the Host Nation, to issue an Invitation For Bid (IFB) to procure Firm Fix Price (FFP) Single Award Schedules, Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Delivery Order Contracts for COTS Standard End-User Equipment and (LAN) Network Equipment. Attached to this letter at Annex A is a summary of the requirements. These requirements are being refined and will be included in further detail as part of the IFB.
2. The reference for the Invitation For Bid will be **IFB-CO-115760-e-FIT**, and all correspondence concerning this Notification of Intent and the IFB should reference this number.
3. Funding obligations will occur at delivery order placement.
4. The envisaged procurement procedure for this IFB is International Competitive Bidding (ICB), Lowest Priced Technically Compliant Bid. The successful bidder, pursuant to the IFB following this NOI will be the bid that offers the lowest price and is technically compliant in accordance with REF B. The Purchaser may elect to award up to two (2) single award schedules (lots) delivery order contracts under this solicitation (see Annex A for details).
5. National Responsible Authorities are therefore kindly requested to provide Declarations of Eligibility (DoE) to the NCI Agency, not later than **19 August 2022, 17:30 (CET)**, of qualified and certified companies, which may be interested in receiving an Invitation For Bid for this requirement. The Declaration of Eligibility (DoE) should include the following information for each of the nominated firms:
 - **Company Name and Address**
 - **Point of Contact, Telephone number and E-mail address.**

This information is critical to enable prompt and accurate communication with prospective bidders.

6. Declarations of Eligibility (DoE) should be sent electronically to the following address:



NATO Communications and Information Agency
Attention: Ms. Eva Benson, Senior Contracting Officer
E-mail: IFBCO115760eFIT@ncia.nato.int

7. The NCI Agency plans to issue the formal IFB in the third quarter (Q3) 2022, with an anticipated bid closing date in the fourth quarter (Q4) 2022, and an expected contract award by the fourth quarter (Q4) 2022.
8. The National Authorities are advised that the IFB package will be NATO UNCLASSIFIED.
9. The NCI Agency Point of Contact for all information concerning this NOI is Ms. Eva Benson, Senior Contracting Officer at the primary e-mail address:

IFBCO115760eFIT@ncia.nato.int

In case of technical issues with the IFB e-mail address please inform the undersigned at eva.benson@ncia.nato.int

19. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ACQUISITION:

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Attachment:
Annex A – Summary of the Requirements



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Annex A

Summary of the Requirements

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1. Introduction

- a. The Enterprise Frequent and Swift Transaction (e-FAST) Contracts Programme is an NCIA Strategic Sourcing Initiative to offer best in class NATO-wide contract vehicles to quickly meet requirements for common goods and services.
- b. The e-FIT IT equipment IFB will establish up to two (2) IDIQ Delivery Order Contracts for IT Standard End-User Equipment and (LAN) Network Equipment for use at a NATO Enterprise Level and allows for multiple funding sources such as NSIP, MB, and 3rd Party purchases.

2. Equipment

- a. The requirements under this IFB are divided into Lots, referred to as Schedules. Bidders may bid on one or both of the Schedules. All equipment shall be new and not refurbished. Award of the requirements will be by Schedule and Schedules may not be subdivided for partial bid purposes. Bidders may not bid on the basis of "All or Nothing" Bids for all two (2) Schedules, but one bidder may separately win all two (2) Schedules. The grouping of the requirements by schedule is as follows:
 - Standard End-User Equipment
 - (LAN) Network Equipment

3. Locations

- a. The Proposed Contract(s) will provide equipment to all authorized NATO Command Locations in Europe and North America; as well as, to any eligible Third Parties or any Nation which has requested the NCI Agency to function as Host Nation.

4. Performance Requirements

- a. The Proposed Contract(s) are envisioned to include various performance options, in terms of volume discounts against published Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) commercial pricelist/commercial catalogue pricing, expedited deliveries, and extended (warranty) support.