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To : Distribution List

Subject : Amendment 1 to Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for International Competitive Bidding for Provide ACCS Software Based Element (ASBE),
IFB-CO-14123-ACCS

Reference(s) : A. AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition)
B. AC/4-DS(2014)0019
C. C-M (2002)49 – NATO Security Policy
D. Issuance of Notification of Intent “NCIA/ACQ/2020/6548” dated 14 April 2020

1. Notice has been given, through Reference D, of the intent of the NCI Agency to invite bids for the subject competition, and invited National authorities to provide “Declarations of Eligibility” of qualified and certified firms which may be interested in receiving the IFB for this requirement, not later than 19 May 2020.
2. By this Amendment 1, the Closing Date for Nominations of Firms by their National Authorities has been extended to **22 June 2020** and formal IFB release date has been postponed to **July 2020**.
3. National Authorities are advised that the overall security classification of this Invitation for Bid is NATO UNCLASSIFIED. However, the IFB will be classified NATO RESTRICTED upon inclusion of the ASBE VCE Security Requirements document which forms an integral part of the IFB.
4. The successful Bidder will be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO SECRET. In addition, execution of the proposed contract will require unescorted access and work of contractor personnel at NATO Class II security areas and in accordance with reference C, personnel of the winning bidder will be required to hold individual security clearances of “NATO SECRET”. Only companies maintaining appropriate clearances will be able to perform the resulting contract. Bidders are to note that contract award will not be delayed in order to allow Contractor personnel to obtain missing clearances.

5. Prospective Bidders will be invited to participate in a combined Bidders' Conference and Site Survey that are currently scheduled to be held in **Q3 2020**. Therefore, the Bidders are kindly reminded to take actions to have a valid security clearance of a minimum of "NATO SECRET" for the individuals who will attend the Site Survey.
6. The reference for this Invitation for Bid is CO-14123-ACCS, and all correspondence concerning it should reference this number.
7. Any inquiries with regards to this notification should be made directly to the Contracting Officer:

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8. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

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