



## Notification of Intent to Invite Bids

*Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)*

### MANTIS Capability

#### NCI Agency Reference #: IFB-CO-115819-MANTIS

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**Estimated Amount to include O&M:** 28,955,132EUR

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**NOI Closing Date:** 18 July 2023

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**Solicitation Release Date:** Anticipated on 31 July 2023

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**Solicitation Closing Date:** Anticipated on 31 January 2024

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**Contract Award Date:** Anticipated on 31 May 2024

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**Competition Type:** ICB Lowest Priced Technically Compliant

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The NCI Agency hereby notifies the NATO Nations of its intent to invite bids for the procurement of a Communication and Information System (CIS) infrastructure to support the Nuclear Command, Control and Communications (NC3) capability that supports military operations, exercises and real-world events. The MANTIS Service shall provide Core Enterprise Services (Secure e-mail, skype, Secure VTC, etc.) and Community of Interest (COI) NATO Functional Application Services (FAS) including Secure Joint chat, data services. MANTIS shall be deployed at NS WAN connectivity to two NATO Data Centres, forming the MANTIS Anchor Function (MAF) and at Five different Military Bases (Main Operating Bases or MOBs), all five MOBs are connected with terrestrial links and Military SATCOM to the two NATO Data Centres.

#### 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 MANTIS Capability**

**References** :

- A.** AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition), NSIP Procedures for International Competitive Bidding
- B.** AC/4-DS(2021)0011 dated 28 June 2021, NATO Investment Committee Decision Sheet
- C.** AC/4(PP)D/28133-ADD2 (INV)
- 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 MANTIS Capability, 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-115819-MANTIS, 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-115819-mantis@ncia.nato.int](mailto:IFB-CO-115819-mantis@ncia.nato.int)  
**No later than 18 July 2023.**
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. However, the successful bidder will receive a NATO RESTRICTED [NR] SOW Annex B at the time of Contract award which will add context and further detail the requirement.
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:**

Joseph L Vitale  
Senior Contracting Officer

## Annex A – Summary of Requirements

Project No. [2021/5IS03049], [NSP01474]

### 1. Project Objective

MANTIS project is delivering a NATO SΞCRET Network, providing highly available and highly resilient voice, video and data services. These services are to be delivered from three (3) geographically dispersed (in Europe) locations.

MANTIS is extending also the Network and Services at an additional five (5) different Air Bases and within each Air Base, to five (5) different buildings.

Finally, MANTIS is also delivering seven (7) deployable Network access points for extending services in to shelters operating over an integrated SATCOM capability.

### 2. Scope of Work

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

1. Deliver the above mentioned scope: design, execution, delivery, test.
2. Provide support for security accreditations.
3. Provide comprehensive Integrated Product Support package.