

1.1.1.1 **Notification of Intent to Invite Bids**

Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

Provide DCIS Mission Execution Anchor Capability
NCI Agency Reference #: IFB-CO-423230-MAF

Estimated Amount: EUR 10,405,540

NOI Closing Date: 25 April 2024

Solicitation Release Date: Anticipated on 14 June 2024

Solicitation Closing Date: Anticipated on 6 September 2024

Contract Award Date: Anticipated on 30 April 2025

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 the MAF infrastructure, and to prove that the specific technical services can operate over this infrastructure. In addition, the Project will prove that PFE Business Applications can run over the above technical services.

****Neo eProcurement Registration****

Attention Suppliers,

The NCI Agency is stepping into a new era of procurement. We have launched an eProcurement tool, Neo, to make our collaborations smoother, faster, and more transparent. If you are keen to do business with us, you will need to register in [Neo](#). This tool will offer suppliers visibility into past, current and upcoming business opportunities, and streamlines the competition cycles, contract awards, and account management.

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Annexes:

- A. Summary of Requirements
- B. Distribution List

To : Distribution List

Subject : **Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for Provide DCIS Mission Execution Anchor Capability**

References :


- A.** AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition), NSIP Procedures for International Competitive Bidding
- B.** NATO Budget Committee Decision Sheet, AC/4-DS(2022)0018
- C.** AC/4(PP)D/27996-ADD3
- 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 Provide DCIS Mission Execution Anchor 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-423230-MAF, and all correspondence concerning this NOI and subsequent IFB should reference this number.
 4. The NCI Agency plans to issue an IFB using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Procedure for Lowest Priced Technically Compliant (LPTC) evaluations. A single, firm-fixed price contract is planned for the entire scope of work.
 5. Eligibility to participate in the subsequent IFB is declared by national authorities. Hence, qualified and certified companies interested in receiving the IFB for this Project are hereby requested to provide a Declaration of Eligibility (DoE), **sent** by their Delegation/Mission to NATO to the NCI Agency contracting authority not later than 25 April 2024, which is 35 calendar days after the date of this letter.
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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 IFB-CO-423230-MAF@nr.ncia.nato.int .
- 7. 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.
- 8. Requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual companies will not be considered.
- 9. 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.
- 10. National authorities are advised that the IFB package is anticipated to be NATO UNCLASSIFIED. However, the IFB and the contractual documents could contain references to other NATO documents classified as NATO RESTRICTED.
- 11. The successful bidder will be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO RESTRICTED. 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.
- 12. The NCI Agency reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or withdraw this NOI at its own discretion and at any time. 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.
- 13. This NOI is issued in anticipation of the release of the official Decision Sheet.
- 14. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

For the Chief of Acquisition:

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Annex A – Summary of Requirements

Project No. 2017/0CM03144, CP0A0149-REV1

1. Project Objective

This Project “Provide DCIS Mission Execution Anchor Capability” will deliver two Mission Anchor Functions (MAF).

The MAF services will be offered over two locations Brunssum (NLD) and Lago Patria (ITA). Each will host the services for NATO missions using a common NATO Secret (NS) and NATO Unclassified (NU) domain but separate Mission domains, with redundancy at each location and resiliency with service availability being provided from either location, for all domains, in a cloud architecture.

The systems to be delivered, hereafter referred to as the DCIS MAF, 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 and future generation of DCIS POPs (or DPOPs), e.g. Firefly, Dragonfly, and will be the anchor point to connect the DCIS with the static environment (NATO Command Structure) for operations, missions and exercises.

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)
- Procurement of Units and Integration
- Integrated Logistics Support
- Configuration Management
- Quality Assurance
- Testing and Acceptance
- Security Accreditation

3. Period of Performance

- a. The Period of Performance is anticipated to start in Q2 2025 and end in Q4 2027. It is important to note that this timeline represents the anticipated duration of the Project, and

adjustments may be made as per the requirements of the solicitation process and subsequent contractual agreement.

4. Warranty

- a. Following Final System Acceptance the contract will require a 12-month Warranty covering all equipment, software, documents, system design, production installation and implementation work provided under the Contract.

Annex B – Distribution List

NATO Delegations:

Albania
Belgium
Bulgaria
Canada
Croatia
Czechia
Denmark
Estonia
France
Germany

Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Italy
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Montenegro
Netherlands
Norway

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Portugal
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
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Denmark
Estonia
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Germany

Greece
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