

Notification of Intent to Invite Bids

Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

Support of existing BMC Software Licenses for 2025-2027 NCI Agency Reference #: IFB-CO-423260-BMC

Estimated Amount to include O&M:	EUR 1,5M
NOI Closing Date:	28 May 2024
Solicitation Release Date:	Anticipated on 10 June 2024
Solicitation Closing Date:	Anticipated on 8 July 2024
Contract Award Date:	Anticipated on 30 September 2024
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 Support for the existing BMC Licenses sets currently owned. The Period of Performance is three years, from January 2025 until December 2027.

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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A. Summary of Requirements

B. Distribution List



To : Distribution List

Subject : Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for Support of existing BMC Software

Licenses for 2025-2027

References :

A. BC-D(2018)0004-FINAL, BC Budget Procurement Guidance

1. In accordance with Reference A, 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 Support of existing BMC Software Licenses for 2025-2027, hereafter referred to as the "Project".

- 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-423260-BMC, 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 28 May 2024, which is 28 calendar days after the date of this letter.
 - 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 electronically to IFB-CO-423260-BMC@ncia.nato.int.
- **6.** 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.

- **7.** Requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual companies will not be considered.
- 8. 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.
- **9.** 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 UNCLASSIFIED.
- 10. The successful bidder will be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO UNCLASSIFIED. 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.
- 11. 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.
- **12.** Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

For the Chief of Acquisition:

Daniel Gaertner Senior Contracting Officer



Annex A – Summary of Requirements

1. Project Objective

- 1.1 The NCI Agency is seeking to consolidate all of NATO's BMC requirements by establishing a contract that can offer increased flexibility and cost-savings in a multi-year Enterprise License Agreement (ELA). This ELA would cover support of the current installed base and the purchase of new licences, rather than buying licenses with a decentralized, incremental approach.
- 1.2 NATO's requirements for BMC software licenses cover different geographic regions, different customers and users within NATO, and a wide variety of technical projects.
- 1.3 Additionally, the ELA will allow NATO to increase the volume as its requirements increase.

2 Scope of Work

- 2.1. It is intended that this ELA will be the default contract vehicle for all of NATO's BMC requirements in the future.
- 2.2. The ELA will include both; a) an initial commitment for licenses that are active upon contract award, and, b) a price list for future licenses to be acquired as necessary.
- 2.3. The estimated initial commitment can be found in the attached excel file "BMC Requirements for 2025-2027"

3 Period of Performance

3.1 The Period of Performance is anticipated to start in Q1 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.



Annex B - Distribution List

NATO Delegations:

Albania Greece Poland Belgium Hungary Portugal Bulgaria Iceland Romania Canada Italy Slovakia Croatia Latvia Slovenia Lithuania Czechia Spain Sweden Denmark Luxembourg

Estonia Montenegro The Republic of Türkiye France Netherlands The United Kingdom Finland North Macedonia The United States

Germany Norway

Embassies in Brussels (Attn: Commercial Attaché):

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