

NATO 9C0150 CO NOI

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT

Programme Title: Independent Performance Evaluation and Assessment
Capability (IPEAC)

CP 9C0150

€ 2,400,000
(estimated cost)

Reference: 2014 / OIS07001

To: NSIP

Subject: Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for International Competitive
Bidding

Provide a Core Information Services for Command & Control
Independent Performance Evaluation and Assessment Capability

References: A. AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition)
B. AC/335-D(2013)0007;CP9C0150 JSSR
C. AC/4(PP)N(2014)0068;CP9C0150 PIP
D. PO(2014)0020

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of Reference A., notice is hereby given of the intent of the Spanish Ministry of Defence, as the Host Nation, to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the Independent Performance Evaluation and

Assessment Capability (IPEAC) of the Bi-SC AIS Core Information Services projects contained in Capability Package 9C0150.

The project is part of Capability Package 9C0150 "Core Information Services for Command and Control" that has been recently been approved by the North Atlantic Council (NAC), ref d).

2. The scope of this project is included in the Serial 2014/OIS07001 of CP 9C0150. The Capability Package includes 11 technical projects intended to deliver the core information services required by the Command & Control community, as listed in Annex A, plus the subject project intended to independently monitor and assess the implementation of the CP's technical projects.
3. The scope of the IPEAC Project is to provide validation and verification, in the form of a performance assessment and evaluation team, to provide the NATO resource community with independent advice on the CP implementation, technical and financial status. A summary of the requirements of the project is set forth in Annex A, attached to this NOI.
4. Bidding documents, including technical specifications applicable to the bidding and the contractual documents, are expected to be "NATO UNCLASSIFIED". Performance of the contract will require contractors to have all participating personnel cleared at a level of "NATO SECRET" and facility clearances at least at "NATO CONFIDENTIAL" level. Only companies maintaining such cleared facilities and the appropriate personnel clearances will be able to perform the resulting contract. Additional time has been allowed in this NOI to allow for security consideration.
5. The eligible firms must have proven experience in performing consultancy or performance evaluation in contracts of similar size and complexity. They will prove this circumstance handing over an original document already signed by the contracting party whereby the HN can check the compliance of this specific requirement. The firms must have a Quality Assurance system certified at AQAP-2110 level. An original and updated document must be provided by the bidder showing compliance with this requirement too.
6. The estimated cost of the contract is expected to be 2,400,000 euro, distributed along a performance period of 6 years from 2015 to 2020. For planning purposes, it is assumed that the contract will be divided in a 3-year

base performance period plus an optional 3-year extension conditional to an adequate contractor performance and subject to the Investment Committee authorization.

7. The prospective bidders are advised that future procurement actions may contain exclusion provisions preventing the contractor of IPEAC from participating as contractor or sub-contractor in follow-on work on CP 9C0150 projects where a conflict of interest may arise.
8. The intended procurement method will be International Competitive Bidding (One step procedure) in accordance with Reference A., awarding the contract to the lowest compliant bidder.
9. The tentative time schedule for this procurement is as follows:

Milestone	Tentative Date
Notification of Intent	September 2014
Deadline for Declaration of Eligibility	October 2014
First Stage Authorization & Authority to Issue Invitation for Bids	End of November 2014
IFB release	December 2014
Bid closing date	February 2015
Contract award	2 nd Quarter 2015
Contract performance	2015-2020

10. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of six (6) months from closing date for receipt of bids, supported by a Bid Guarantee of fifty thousand (50,000) euro in the form of a Bond or Bank Guarantee. Should the selection and award procedure exceed the bid closing date by more than six months, firms will be requested to voluntarily extend the validity of their bids and bid guarantee accordingly. Bidders may decline to do so, withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
11. Pursuant to paragraph 6 of Reference A, National representations are kindly requested to forward a Declaration of Eligibility of qualified and

certified firms (including personnel and facility security certification at the NATO SECRET level), including name of the firm, phone and fax numbers, E-mail addresses and point of contact to the following address **not later than 22nd of October, 2014**:

NATO HQ – SPANISH DELEGATION

Attn.: CDR(N-SC) EDUARDO DÍAZ

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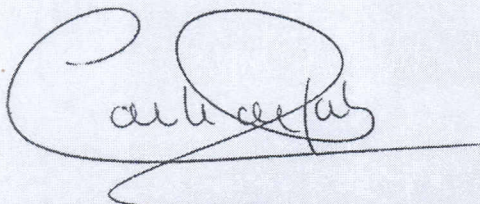
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The POC for this particular ICB process is the NATO HQ-SPANISH DELEGATION above mentioned. This means that the HN will issue all the administrative and bidding documents through him. Furthermore, the HN will receive all the documents from the NATO Delegations through this POC. We think it is the best, secure and swift of the means available.

12. The reference for the Invitation for Bid is **2014 / OIS07001**, and all correspondence concerning the Declaration of Eligibility or IFB should reference this number.
13. It is requested that interested firms be introduced by their National Authorities with the required "Declaration of Eligibility". It is emphasized that requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual firms cannot be considered (**see paragraph 5 reference A**).
14. English will be the only-one-language admitted in this ICB process. All kind of documents regarding this bid, as declaration of eligibility, bids, contracts, etc... must be issued in English. Documents received in any other language different from English, will be automatically rejected by the HN and not taken into consideration.

15. EURO will be the only-one-currency admitted in this ICB process. All kind of documents regarding this bid, as declaration of eligibility, bids, contracts, etc... must be issued in EUROS. Documents received in any other currency different from EURO, will be automatically rejected by the HN and not taken into consideration.
16. The HN will not use a questionnaire to carry out a general financial and technical screening of any firm presented.
17. No life-cycle considerations are applicable to this ICB.
18. The HN doesn't have in mind to organize a bidder conference so far due to the simplicity of the chosen method. Nevertheless, the HN would arrange a conference if necessary. Should the bidders have any doubt or concern regarding the ICB, they can address their queries to the POC established in point 11.
19. Your assistance in this procurement is highly appreciated.



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ANNEX A to NOI dated: 15 SEP 2014

ANNEX A – SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

Provide a Core Information Services for Command & Control Independent Performance Evaluation and Assessment Capability (IPEAC)

1. Project Overview

- 1.1. Capability Package 9C0150 will provide Bi-SC users with Core Information Services. Those are the information services that need to be accessible to all users, regardless of their specific Community of Interest, or those that provide the common foundation and standard interfaces to support all COI services and cross-domain interoperability within NATO, with NATO nations and with partner nations.
- 1.2. The CP addresses a broad scope of requirements. It is composed by the following implementation projects (Reference C.):

ID	Host Nation	Title
1	NCIA	Provide NATO Messaging Service
2	NCIA	Information Technology Modernisation (ITM)
3	NCIA	Provide Unified Communication and Collaboration Services
4	NCIA	Provide Web Enabling Services
5	NCIA	Provide Information Administration Services
6	NCIA	Provide AIS Programme Management and Integration Capability (PMIC)
7	ACT	Provide Bi-SC Programme Management Capability
8	NCIA	Upgrade Geographical Information Service
9	NCIA	Upgrade Enterprise Directory Service
10	NCIA	Upgrade Information Portal Service
11	NCIA	Provide Information Exchange

- 1.3. In view of the high investment and complexity of the projects contained in CP 9C0150, their relationship with NCIA's benefits and savings, and their inter-dependence with projects in other CP's, the RPPB recognized the need to establish an independent monitoring and reporting agent.

- 1.4. The monitoring activities would cover the risks, scope, cost and schedule of the individual CP projects and a regular reporting of actual status compared to the programmed data.
- 1.5. In addition to regular monitoring and reporting activities, independent advice will be provided on the intended plans and decisions, based on the consultant experience on public and private sector performance and best practices.
- 1.6. Also advice could be sought from the IPEAC to validate the savings component foreseen with the implementation of the projects in the CP and to contribute to the development of the customer funding regulatory framework in the form of analysis of agency-provided data.

2. IPEAC Project Scope

2.1. Context

The IPEAC contractor will interact with the Host Nations (NCIA, ACT) responsible for the implementation projects to gather relevant project information in order to continuously monitor the CP implementation progress.

The contractor must perform an independent analysis and assessment of the data to update forecasts of schedule and cost, to identify risks and other significant programme-level aspects.

The contractor will periodically report to NATO officials (usually in Brussels but eventually in other NATO facilities) about findings and assessment of the programme situation. It will also report to the Host Nation about the IPEAC project execution aspects.

2.2. Contractor activities

The contractor must appoint an IPEAC team suitably experienced to perform the following activities:

- a. Collect information from documents but also from relevant repositories established at NCIA, ACT and NATO HQ
- b. Perform an independent validation and analysis of the assumptions applied to establish project implementation plans

- c. Carry out an independent assessment and monitoring of the implementation progress and forecasts of milestone achievement
- d. Identify and provide early warning about potential project difficulties, and perform confidence checks on the project implementation plans.
- e. Prepare and deliver briefings and presentations for the NATO Investment Committee, RPPB, NOR or other bodies to update situation and plans
- f. Maintain an independent summary baseline for the CP projects implementation, technical and financial status.
- g. Occasionally provide independent advice as required about specific aspects such as intended acquisition strategies, expected benefits and savings, value for money and quality issues, based on benchmarking against public and private sector best practices.
- h. Provide the IPEAC Host Nation with relevant data to monitor the IPEAC project execution.

During the initial ramp-up phase, the IPEAC contractor must establish the IPEAC project management plan, including the description of the intended tools, processes and required access to information on any form that will be necessary for the performance of the contract. This result must be presented to the stakeholders and be approved as a basis for the project execution.

2.3. Constraints

The IPEAC contractor will ensure that those activities do not interfere with the NCIA and ACT Host Nation contract management responsibilities or the contractual relationship between the host nations and the implementation projects contractors.

The information obtained or prepared by the contractor during the performance of the IPEAC contract must not be used by the contractor for any use other than intended by the contract. Personal and company Non-Disclosure Agreements will be required for the performance of the contract.