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Market Survey - Request for Information

Project "Enhance and Sustain Modern Tactical Secure Voice Radio Capability"

Project Serial Number 2019/0CM03311

Capability Package CP 9C0122 "CIS SECURITY - CRYPTOGRAPHIC SERVICES – Increment 1"

NCI Agency Reference: MS-CO-115831-HFTR

The NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency) is seeking information from Nations and their Industry regarding the availability of Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) and Government-Off-The-Shelf (GOTS) products to provide High Frequency (HF) Tactical radios.

NCI Agency Point of Contact (POC) for this Market Survey: Ms. Viktorija NAVIKAITĖ, Contracting Officer E-mail: MS-CO-115831-HFTacticalRadio@ncia.nato.int

To: See Distribution List (Annex A)

Subject: NCI Agency Market Survey - Request for Information

1. The NCI Agency requests the assistance of the Nations and their Industry to identify potential COTS/GOTS solutions available to meet the NATO requirement for providing HF tactical radios. This Market Survey is being issued to identify potential solutions and possible suppliers for replacement of the current NATO inventory of HF radios to provide network-enabled beyond-line-of-sight communication to deployed NATO and Allied Forces.

2. A summary of the NATO requirement for new HF tactical radios and ancillary equipment (e.g. antennas) is set forth in the Annex B attached hereto.

3. Respondents are requested to reply via the questionnaire at Annex C. Other supporting information and documentation (technical data sheets, marketing



brochures, non-binding catalogue price lists, descriptions of existing installations, etc.) are also welcome.

4. The NCI Agency reference for this Market Survey Request is **MS-CO-115831-HFTR**, and all correspondence and submissions concerning this matter should reference this number.

5. In addition to the firms noted in Annex D of this letter (who are current holders of Basic Ordering Agreements (BOA) with NCI Agency), NCI Agency requests the broadest possible dissemination by Nations of this Market Survey Request to their qualified and interested industrial base.

6. Responses may be issued to the NCI Agency directly from Nations or from their Industry (to the staff indicated at Paragraph 9 of this Market Survey Request). Respondents are invited to carefully review the summary of requirements in Annex B to determine interest.

7. Responses shall in all cases include the name of the firm, telephone number, email address, designated Point of Contact, and a <u>NATO UNCLASSIFIED</u> description of the capability available and its functionalities. This shall include any restrictions (e.g. export controls) for direct procurement of the various capabilities by the NCI Agency. Non-binding product pricing information is also requested as called out in Annex C.

8. Responses are due back to the NCI Agency no later than <u>31 January 2023</u>, <u>17:00 Brussels time</u>.

9. Please send all responses via email to the following NCI Agency Point of Contact:

To Attention of: Ms Viktorija NAVIKAITĖ, Contracting Officer

E-mail: MS-CO-115831-HFTacticalRadio@ncia.nato.int

10. Product demonstrations or face-to-face briefings/meetings with industry are not foreseen during this initial stage. Respondents are requested to await further instructions after their submissions regarding any potential future bidding process and are requested <u>not to contact directly any NCI Agency staff other than the POC identified above in Paragraph 9</u>.

11. Any response to this request shall be provided on a voluntary basis. Responses to this request will help identifying and selecting firms eligible for any future procurement that may arise from this Market Survey.

12. Please note that any future procurement might be restricted to the companies having products evaluated by the Security and Evaluation Agency (SECAN) and approved by the Military Committee (MC), in accordance with the INFOSEC Technical and Implementation Directive on Cryptographic Security and Cryptographic Mechanisms (AC/322-D/0047-REV1).

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13. Responses to this request, and any information provided within the context of this survey, including but not limited to pricing, quantities, capabilities, functionalities and requirements will be considered as informational only and will not be construed as binding on NATO for any future acquisition.

14. The NCI Agency is not liable for any expenses incurred by firms in conjunction with their responses to this Market Survey and this Survey shall not be regarded as a commitment of any kind concerning future procurement of the items described.

15. Your assistance/participation in this Market Survey request is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ACQUISITION:

Viktorija Navikaitė Contracting Officer

Enclosures:

- Annex A Distribution List
- Annex B Summary of Requirements

Annex C Questionnaire

Annex D Potential Industrial Suppliers - Market Survey Industrial Recipients (holders of NCI Agency BOA Agreements)

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ANNEX A

Distribution List for Market Survey Request for Information MS-CO-115831-HFTR

Potential Industrial Suppliers (NCI Agency BOA Holders)

NATO Delegations (Attn: Investment Committee Adviser):

| Albania | 1 |
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| Bulgaria | 1 |
| Canada | 1 |
| Croatia | 1 |
| Czech Republic | 1 |
| Denmark | 1 |
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| Greece | 1 |
| Hungary | 1 |
| Iceland | 1 |
| Italy | 1 |
| Latvia | 1 |
| Lithuania | 1 |
| Luxembourg | 1 |
| Montenegro | 1 |
| Netherlands | 1 |
| Norway | 1 |
| Poland | 1 |
| Portugal | 1 |
| Romania | 1 |
| Slovakia | 1 |
| Slovenia | 1 |
| Spain | 1 |
| Republic of Türkiye | 1 |
| The United Kingdom | 1 |
| The United States of America | 1 |
| Belgian Ministry of Economic Affairs | 1 |
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| Portugal | 1 |
| Romania | 1 |
| Slovakia | 1 |
| Slovenia | 1 |
| Spain | 1 |
| Republic of Türkiye | 1 |
| The United Kingdom | 1 |
| The United States of America | 1 |

Distribution for information (Blind to Potential Industrial Suppliers):

<u>NATO HQ</u>

| NATO Office of Resources | |
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| Management and Implementation Branch | |
| Attn: Deputy Branch Chief | 1 |
| Director, NATO HQ Communications and Information Staff | |
| Attn: Executive Co-ordinator | 1 |
| SACTREPEUR | |
| Attn: Investment Assistant | 1 |
| SACEUREP | |
| Attn: Investment Assistant | 1 |
| Strategic Commands (as applicable to funding source) | |
| HQ SACT Attn: ACOS C4ISR | 1 |
| ACO AGSIO Attn: SPT CIS Director | 1 |
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| ACQ Deputy COA - Procurement & Policy (Mr. A. Vitry) | 1 |
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| ACQ PCO (Ms. T. Pezzi) | 1 |
| ACQ CO (Ms. V. Navikaitė) | 1 |
| ACQ IPS Head (Mr. R. Spijkerman) | 1 |
| ACQ CE&A Head (Mr. D. Odesser) | 1 |
| Legal Adviser (Ms. S. Chan-Allen through Mr. V. Roobaert) | 1 |
| NSIP Account Manager (Ms. I. Le Pladec) | 1 |
| Finance BM NSIP (Ms. S. Tilliere-Leblois) | 1 |
| CTO A&E Chief (Mr. D. Janezic) | 1 |
| Security (Mr. A. Perrey) | 1 |
| NSII Service Line Chief (Mr. A. Hutzenlaub) | 1 |
| NSII Wireless and Maritime - Service Area Owner (Mr. P. Calinas) | 1 |
| NSII Wireless and Maritime - PM (Mr. M. De Meulemeester) | 1 |
| NSII SATCOM Service Area Owner (Mr. N. Yilmaz) | 1 |
| Registry (for distribution) | 1 |

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<u>ANNEX B</u>

Summary of Requirements CP 9C0122 – Project 2019/0CM03311

NATO requires a pool of sufficient High-Frequency (HF) Tactical radios to support the war-fighter with a mix of manpack, vehicular and maritime communication capabilities in all battle-space environments. The HF tactical radios will directly support the Command and Control (C2) needs of the deployed Commander through the provision of reliable netted secure voice and secure data communications to NATO elements, operating in environments that require a flexible and continuous communications capability. The Strategic Commands (SCs) have directed that the new generation HF radios shall be used to support the Core SATCOM Capability for Static Commands, NATO Signal Battalions and NATO Response Force [SJO2] missions at an operational distance of up to 4,000 km from Brussels.

The HF tactical radios procured by this project will replace the current NATO inventory of HF radios (Harris AN/PRC-150C) and ancillary equipment related to it.

- New radios shall support Fix frequency, ALE (Automatic Link Establishment) compliance for second, third and fourth generation (2G, 3G and 4G), STANAG 4538, MIL-STD-461, MIL-STD-188-141D.
- The new radios shall support the provision of netted voice and data communications in On-The-Pause (OTP) mode designed for the dismounted soldier and static headquarters mode of operations.
- The new radios shall have narrowband and wideband HF communication.
- The new radios shall be based on a software-defined architecture that will allow a future upgrade to support new tactical narrowband and wideband waveforms.
- The new radios shall embed the necessary crypto modes for Communication Security (COMSEC) and Transmission Security (TRANSEC) protection that have to be evaluated by the Security and Evaluation Agency (SECAN) and eventually approved by the Military Committee (MC).

The key deliverables to be provided through this project are:

- Approximately 90 HF tactical radios;
- OTP ancillaries, to include handsets, Ground skywave and NVIS antennas, battery packs, chargers and speakers to support the manpack and static headquarters.

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ANNEX C

Questionnaire

Organisation name:

Contact name & details within the organisation:

Guidance Notes

- Please **DO NOT** alter the formatting of the Questionnaire. If you need additional space to complete your text then please use the 'Continuation Sheet' at the end of this Annex and reference the question to which the text relates to.
- Please **DO NOT** alter the questions as included herein. Should you believe additional or differing data be of interest to NATO, please add such information on a 'Continuation Sheet'.
- Please feel free to make assumptions; *HOWEVER* you must list your assumptions in the spaces provided.
- Please **DO NOT** enter any company marketing or sales material as part of your answers within this Questionnaire. But please submit such material as enclosures with the appropriate references within your replies.
- Please **DO** try and answer the relevant questions as comprehensively as possible.
- All questions within this document should be answered in conjunction with the summary of requirements in Annex B.
- All questions apply to Commercial or Government respondees as appropriate to their Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) or Government off the Shelf (GOTS) product.
- Cost details required in the questions refer to Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) Procurement & Life Cycle cost, including all assumptions the estimate is based upon:
 - Advantages & disadvantages of your product/solution/organisation,
 - Any other supporting information you may deem necessary including any assumptions relied upon.

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1. Do you produce a product or products that provide HF Communications compliant with the specifications of Annex B? If so, please specify name and type of product.

2. Does your product support secure voice and secure data communication?

3. Does your product support multiple modes of operation such as Line Of Sight communication? If so, please specify the available modes of operation.

4. Is your product capable of performing automatic link establishment 2G, 3G and 4G compliant as defined per STANAG 4538 and MIL-STD-188-141D?

5. Is your product STANAG 5066 compliant?

6. Does your product have an LPI/LPD (Low Probability of Intercept / Low Probability of Detection) option?

7. Does your product have an LPC (Linear Predictive Coding), MELP (Mixed Excitation Linear Predictive) or CVSD (Continuously variable slope delta modulation) vocoder?

8. Does your product support internal COMSEC and TRANSEC encryption for secure communications? If so, please specify the available crypto modes of operation.

9. Has your product been evaluated by the Military Committee Communications and Information Systems Security and Evaluation Agency (SECAN), and then approved by the Military Committee for the protection of NATO classified information at the required level? Should your company has already obtained SECAN/MC approval, please forward to us a document confirming such approval. If your product is currently under SECAN evaluation process, please forward to us a copy of the document demonstrating that your firm has already requested for SECAN/MC approval of the products in question, and specify the timeframe required to obtain such approval.

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10. Is your product compatible with any future crypto algorithms and can these be modified later?

11. If your product is capable of data transmission, could you specify any application that could be connected to the device without the need of any additional external devices apart from data cable?

12. Did you design your own application for data transfer compliant with the specifications of Annex B? If so, please state the name of it.

13. Does your product provide direct Ethernet connectivity?

14. Is your product compatible with layer 2 or layer 3 devices directly or through waveforms?

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15. Is your product capable of wideband HF data transfer?

16. Do you produce a product that provides data transmission services compliant with MIL-STD-188-184, either as an external hardware solution or as an embedded software solution?

17. Does your product contain an embedded GPS system and/or is it capable of attaching to it outside GPS devices?

18. Is your product capable of automatic position reporting (PLI) or situational awareness capabilities?

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19. Could you state the standard or included equipment setup for dismounted soldier or static headquarters for On-The-Pause (OTP) setup based on Annex B? If it is not stated, what are the accessories options?

20. Do you produce any other similar equipment or waveforms that could be applicable to the requirements summarized in Annex B, and that was not specified in the questions above?

21. Please state the Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) procurement cost of radios and equipment as defined in Annex B, assuming a quantity of 90. Include all assumptions that the estimate is based upon as well as what is included and excluded from the estimate.

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Potential Industrial Suppliers NCI Agency Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA) Holders on Distribution MS-CO-115831-HFTR

ALBANIA:

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BELGIUM:

AKACIO Brevco Services S.C.S. Computer Sciences Corporation Nokia Bell NV. Proximus NV SAIT Selex Communications S.p.A. Thales S.A.

BULGARIA:

KRISTANEA LTD.

CANADA:

General Dynamics Mizzion Systems-Canada Ltd. Norsat International Inc.

CROATIA:

CROZ d.o.o. za informaticku djelatnost

CZECH REPUBLIC: SITEL, spol. s r.o.

DENMARK:

SAAB Danmark A/S

FRANCE:

ADW Network Airbus Defence and Space SAS Altran technologies_ASD Paris GEKA Telecom MARLINK SAS Rockwell Collins France S.I.T. SA Société Réseau Informaique et Gestion THALES SIX GTS FRANCE Telespazio France

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GERMANY:

CESTRON International GmbH Elbit Systems Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG FREQUENTIS Deutschland GmbH KB Impuls Service GmbH Media Broadcast Rohde & Schwarz GmbH & Co. KG THALES Deutschland GmbH Telefunken Racoms GmbH & Co. KG Telespazio Germany GmbH XORTEC GmbH

HUNGARY:

Fercom Ltd.

ITALY:

IES –S.r.L. Italtel NA.EL. SRL TELSY S.p.A. TESEO S.p.A

LATVIA:

DATI Group, LLC

LUXEMBOURG:

SNOWBALL TECHNOLOGY SARL

NETHERLANDS:

Divitel B.V. National Aerospace Laboratory (NLR) Solitee B.V SurCom International BV

NORWAY:

3D perception AS

POLAND:

Atende S.A.(prior ATM S.A.) Consortia Sp. z o.o. Newind sp. z o.o. Zbar Phu Mariusz Popenda

PORTUGAL:

VIATEL - TECNOLOGIA DE COMUNICAÇÕES S.A

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ROMANIA:

ATOS Convergence Creators SRL BITLOSOPHY S.R.L. KRANSZ WALD SRL UTI Grup S.A.

SLOVAKIA:

Aliter Technologies a.s

SLOVENIA:

Unistar LC d.o.o.

SPAIN:

INDRA Espacio S.A. KRC ESPAÑOLA, S.A.

REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE:

ASELSAN Elk. San ve Tic. A.S. E+M Elektrik Sistem Hizmetleri Ltd. Sti. HAVELSAN Hava Elektronik San. Ve Tic A.S. Kuanta Insaat Taahhut Elektronik Turizm Suta Insaat ve Muhendislik Sirketi

THE UNITED KINGDOM:

Audax Avanti Communications Group plc Shape Services Ltd. (Shape Telecom) Softcat plc Spectra Group (UK) Ltd Spektrum Management Group Ltd Steatite Limited Systemware Europe Ltd

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

AUTOMATION INNOVATIONS LLC Advanced Computer Concepts Affigent, LLC BAE Systems Information Solutions Inc. By Light Professional IT Services LLC DRS Technical Services, Inc. EMW, Inc. Forward Slope, Inc Harris Corporation - RF CommunicationsDivision Honeywell Technology Solutions Inc. Intelligent Waves LLC Intelsat General Corporation

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