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*Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)*

## MANTIS Capability

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

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

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**NOI Closing Date:** 18 September 2023

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**Solicitation Release Date:** Anticipated on 30 September 2023

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**Solicitation Closing Date:** Anticipated on 29 March 2024

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

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

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The NCI Agency hereby notifies the NATO Nations that the release date for IFB-CO-115819-MANTIS has been postponed. The new anticipated release date is 30 September 2023. As a result, the nomination period for prospective bidders is extended to 18 September 2023. As a result of this postponement, the anticipated Solicitation closing date and Contract award date will be delayed by approximately 2 months. There are no additional changes to the scope of the project detailed in the initial NOI release (NCIA/ACQ/2023/06901) dated, on 12 June 2023.

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#### Annexes:

- A. Summary of Requirements
- B. Distribution List

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**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.

#### **ICB-CO-115819-MANTIS**

- 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 September 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.

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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

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## Annex A – Summary of Requirements

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

### 1. Project Objective

MANTIS project is delivering a NATO SECRET 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.

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## Annex B – Distribution List

### NATO Delegations:

Albania	Hungary	Poland
Belgium	Iceland	Portugal
Bulgaria	Italy	Romania
Canada	Latvia	Slovakia
Croatia	Lithuania	Slovenia
Czechia	Luxembourg	Spain
Denmark	Montenegro	The Republic of Türkiye
Estonia	Netherlands	The United Kingdom
Germany	North Macedonia	The United States
Greece	Norway	

### Embassies in Brussels (Attn: Commercial Attaché):

Albania	Hungary	Poland
Belgium	Iceland	Portugal
Bulgaria	Italy	Romania
Canada	Latvia	Slovakia
Croatia	Lithuania	Slovenia
Czechia	Luxembourg	Spain
Denmark	Montenegro	The Republic of Türkiye
Estonia	Netherlands	The United Kingdom
Germany	North Macedonia	The United States
Greece	Norway	

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