



TO: NATO Delegations
Attn. Secretaries of Delegations

CC: STO FC

FROM: Head Finance and Contracts

DATE: 29 August 2023

SUBJECT: NOI Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) no. CMRE-23-016 for the procurement of a High Performance Storage Array.

Reference: A. FC(2017)103-REV1 - NATO IS Procurement Manual

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article XXXII of the NATO Financial Regulations and Financial Rules and Procedures, we are pleased to inform you that CMRE intends to issue the Invitation for Bids stated above in the upcoming weeks.
2. This procurement action will follow the Formal Procurement procedure specified in Reference A, adopted by the STO CMRE Procurement Procedures.

IFIB Reference: **CMRE-23-016**

Title of IFIB: Procurement of a Hyperconverged Computing Infrastructure.

Requirement: The Centre for Maritime Research & Experimentation operates a project-specific infrastructure to support CMRE scientists and engineers in processing and analysing the data collected during trials at sea. In the context of an upgrade of the CIS architecture, to proactively address the challenges posed by aging hardware and obsolescence and prepare for future data collection activities, CMRE is looking to procure a High Performance Storage Array to support the consolidation of scientific data workloads and archive requirements. A full description of the technical requirements will be provided with the solicitation package.

Type of Contract: CMRE intends to award a Firm Fixed Price (FFP) contract.





Delivery Period: Nov 2023 (TBD)

Bidding Procedure: Sealed bid (no negotiations).

Award Method: Lowest Priced Technically Acceptable (LPTA) bid.

Funding: Estimated amount 250K – 350K Euro.

Classification: The solicitation and the contract documents are not classified.

IFIB Issue Date: Sep 2023 (TBD)

IFIB Closing Date Oct 2023 (TBD)

Eligibility: Solicitation is open to all governmental and/or commercial entities that originate or are chartered/incorporated within NATO-member nations.

Delivery Location: CMRE in La Spezia, Italy

3. You are hereby invited to nominate via email **by 13 September 2023** the names, full address, point of contact, telephone, and e-mail address of potential qualified bidders established within your country.

4. This and any other correspondence hereto is to be addressed to:

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Respectfully,

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