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Notification of Intent to Invite International Competitive Bids for:

IT Strategic Research and Analysis Subscription

IFB-CO-115419-ITSR

TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE: EUR 7,500,000

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: 1 BASE YEAR + 4 OPTION YEARS

The NCI Agency expects to issue the Invitation for Bid (IFB) in Q2 2021 with an anticipated Contract award in Q3 2021.

NCI Agency Point of Contact

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To : Distribution List

Subject : **Notification of Intent to Invite International Competitive Bids for Procurement of IT Strategic Research and Analysis Subscription**

Reference(s) A. AC/337-D(2016)0014 dated 16 March 2016
B. B. BC-D(2018)0004-FINAL dated 29 January 2018
C. C. BC-D(2019)0129-ADD2 (INV) dated 9 July 2019

1. In accordance with References A through C, notice is hereby given of the intent of the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency), acting as Host Nation responsible of implementing the subject requirement, to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the procurement of IT Strategic Research and Analysis Subscription.

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2. A summary of the requirements of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) is set forth in Annex A, attached to this letter. This requirement is being refined and detailed as part of the preparation of the Invitation for Bid.
3. The reference for the Invitation for Bid is IFB-CO-155419-ITSR, and all correspondence concerning this IFB should reference this number.
4. The estimated cost for the services and deliverables included within the basic scope of the intended contract is not to exceed 1,500,000 EUR for the one year base period and 1,500,000 EUR for each option period when exercised, for a total of not to exceed 7,500,000 EUR for five years.
5. NCI Agency will use International Competitive Bidding (ICB) governed by BC Procedures for this procurement with a bidding methodology of award to lowest price technically compliant.
6. The Contract resulting from the IFB will be a single Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Contract. The NCI Agency intends to place a single Contract with one Contractor. No partial bidding will be allowed.
7. The formal IFB is planned to be issued in Q2 2021 with a Bid Closing Date in June 2021 and Contract Award in Q3 2021.
8. Bidders are advised that there will be a required bid validity of 6 months from the closing date for receipt of bids. Should the selection and award procedure extend beyond 6 months after the Bid Closing Date, firms will be requested to voluntarily extend the validity of their bids. Bidders may decline to do so, withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
9. National responsible authorities are kindly requested to provide to the NCI Agency Declarations of Eligibility, not later than **30 April 2021** of qualified and certified firms which are interested in bidding for this project. In addition to the certification of the firm's security clearances required under this NOI, the Declarations of Eligibility should include the following information for each of the nominated firms: Name of the Firm, Telephone number, E-mail address and one Point of Contact. This information is critical to enable prompt and accurate communication with prospective Bidders and should be sent to the following email addresses:

E-mail : Lise.Vieuxrochat@ncia.nato.int

Cc to : Gracja.Jablonska@ncia.nato.int

10. National authorities are advised that the IFB package is anticipated to be NATO UNCLASSIFIED.
11. Requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual firms cannot be considered.
12. The NCI Agency point of contact for all information concerning this IFB is Mrs. Lise Vieux-Rochat, Contracting Officer, email: Lise.Vieuxrochat@ncia.nato.int

13. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF ACQUISITION:

Lise Vieux-Rochat
Contracting Officer

Attachment(s):

Annex A- Summary of the Requirements

Distribution List

NATO Delegations (Attn: Infrastructure Adviser)

Embassies in Brussels (Attn: Commercial Attaché)

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Annex A – Summary of the Requirements

The subscription explicitly seeks expertise, products, advice and services in the following areas:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agile Development 2. Application Development Processes and Tools 3. Application Integration Platforms 4. Artificial Intelligence 5. Big Data and Analytics 6. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) strategies 7. Business Intelligence 8. Business Process Improvement 9. Business / Operations Metrics 10. Change Management 11. CIO conferences 12. Cloud Computing 13. Contract Negotiation with major vendors 14. Cost Optimization 15. CRM 16. Cyber Security 17. Data Governance 18. Data Science 19. Demand Management 20. DevOps 21. Digital workplace 22. End User Computing 23. Enterprise Architecture 24. Enterprise Licence Agreements 25. ERP and related enterprise applications 26. Governance 27. Human Resources Management 28. Identity and Access Management 29. IKM 30. Information Security 31. Infrastructure Modernisation and 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidation 32. Innovation 33. Internet of Things 34. IT Asset management 35. ITIL Processes 36. Legal issues 37. Machine learning 38. Management of IT Infrastructure and Operations 39. Market Research 40. Mobile Application Development 41. Mobility trends 42. Open Source Software 43. Portal and Web Strategy 44. Program and Portfolio Management 45. SLAs 46. SOA and Web Services 47. Social Media 48. Sourcing Strategies 49. Storage Trends 50. Technology Product Sectors 51. Telecommunications Services 52. Unified Communication and Collaboration 53. Unified Computing 54. Vendor Evaluations / Assessments 55. Virtual Desktop Infrastructure
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