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To: See Distribution List

Subject: **Notification of Intent (NOI)**
Invitation For Bids IFB-CO-12940-OPL
Provision of software development and services for the NATO Intel
Toolbox (NITB) for ISAF

References: A. Serial 2008/5VA30489-0 (AC/4(PP)D/26427 (INV))
B. AC/4-DS(2009)0024
C. AC/4-D(2007)0003 Alliance Operations and Missions International
Competitive Bidding

Dear Sirs,

1. In accordance with Reference A, notice is hereby given of the intent of the NATO C3 Agency, as the Host Nation, to issue an Invitation for Bid in relation to the provision of software development and services for the NATO Intel Toolbox (NITB) to be installed on the ISAF NATO Secret and ISAF Mission Secret networks.
2. An overview of the requirements for this Invitation For Bid (IFB) is summarised in **Annex B** attached hereto. This procurement will provide extensions and improvements to the NITB capability that is to be deployed to ISAF:
 - a. Provide a Release Server for automated, assured and secure transfer of data between the two Security domains of NATO Secret and ISAF Secret.
 - b. Provide Operations and Maintenance (O&M) support tools for the NITB system.
 - c. Improvement in the capability to import data from, and export data to, the Battlefield Information, Collection and Exploitation System (BICES) network.
 - d. Provide an improved documentation package for the NITB system.
 - e. Provide 1-year initial O&M support
3. The reference for the Invitation for Bid is IFB- CO-12940-OPL, and all correspondence concerning this IFB should reference this number.
4. NC3A was authorised to use the Alliance Operations and Missions (AOM) International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Procedure, lowest price technically compliant bid. The successful bid, pursuant to the IFB following this NOI, will be that bid which is the lowest price and technically compliant in accordance with the evaluation criteria.
5. The estimated cost of the scope of work provided in **Annex B**, is estimated at 4,009,000 Euros.
6. It is planned to place a single contract for entire scope of work defined in Annex B. No partial bidding will be allowed.

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7. It is planned to issue the IFB in February 2010 with a Bid Closing Date in end of March 2010 and contract award in end of May 2010.
8. In addition to the firms nominated in **Annex A** of this letter, it is requested that NC3A be provided with a list, **not later than** 15 February 2010, of qualified and certified firms which may be interested in receiving an Invitation for Bid for this project. This list should include the NAME of the FIRM; the TELEPHONE and FAX NUMBER; E-mail-ADDRESS and POINT OF CONTACT within each of the nominated firms. This information is critical to enabling prompt and accurate communication with prospective bidders and should be sent to the following address:

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1110 Brussels, Belgium
Attention: (Dimitra Kokkali - Senior Contracting Assistant ACQ)

Tel: +32 (2) 707-8175
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e-mail: dimitra.kokkali@nc3a.nato.int

9. National authorities are advised that technical specifications applicable to the bidding and the contractual documents are classified up to “NATO RESTRICTED”. Bidders must have an overall personnel security and facility clearance of “NATO SECRET” at the time of the IFB release in order to be eligible to receive Bidding documents and to submit a Bid. Due to classification Bidders will be required to submit to NATO bid response material through the Bidder’s respective National Delegation/Mission.
10. The successful contractor will be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of “NATO SECRET” consequently only those companies maintaining appropriate facilities’ clearance will be eligible to bid on this project. In addition, contractor personnel visiting or working on operational sites will be required to hold individual security clearances of at least “NATO SECRET”.
11. It is requested that all additional firms interested in participating in this procurement be introduced by their National Authorities with the required “Declaration of Eligibility” and certification of their security clearances. Requests for participation received directly from firms can not be considered.
12. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER:

(original signed)

J.A. Wager
Principal Contracting Officer

Attachment(s):

- A- Potential Bidders List
- B- Summary of the requirements

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ANNEX A – Potential Bidders List
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IFB-CO-12940-OPL POTENTIAL BIDDERS LIST

BELGIUM

Computer Sciences Corporation
Dimension Data Belgium
Eurocity
Getronics Belgium SA/NV
Hewlett Packard Belgium B.V.B.A./S.P.R.L.
RealDolmen
Siemens Enterprise Communications NV/SA/Siemens SEN BGD
Siemens IT Solutions and Services SA/NV
Thales S.A.
Unisys Belgium S.A.

BULGARIA

Electron Progress AD

CANADA

ADGA Group
General Dynamics Canada Ltd.
Network Innovations Inc.
Valcom Consulting Group Inc

CZECH REPUBLIC

Damovo Ceska republika s.r.o.
TietoEnator Czech s.r.o.

DENMARK

Systematic Software Engineering A/S
Terma A/S

FRANCE

Altran technologies_ASD Paris
CS Systèmes d'Informations
DCNS sa
EADS Defence and Security Systems S.A.
Global Technologies
Steria

GERMANY

Atos Origin GmbH
CONET Solutions GmbH
CSC Deutschland Solutions GmbH
ESG Elektroniksystem - und Logistik GmbH
FREQUENTIS Nachrichtentechnik GmbH
GTSI Corp.

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Logica Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG.
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OHB-System AG
OrgaTech GmbH
Quin GmbH
SQS Software Quality Systems AG
Serco GmbH
T-Systems Enterprise Services GmbH
Thales Defence Deutschland GmbHLand & Joint Systems Division
VEGA Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG.
blueCarat AG

GREECE

European Dynamics SA
Info-Quest SA
Intracom Defense Electronics S.A.

HUNGARY

Albacomp Co
Synergon Information Systems plc
e-Selectrade-Computer Ltd.

ICELAND

Kogun Ltd.

ITALY

Elsag Datamat SpA
Engineering Ingegneria Informatica S.p.a
Fondazione FORMIT
Vitrociset S.p.A.

LATVIA

Baltic Information & Security Systems

LITHUANIA

JSC FIMA

NETHERLANDS

Alcatel-Lucent Telecom Nederland B.V.
Atlis
Capgemini Nederland B.V.
Getronics PinkRocade Nederland B.V.
LogicaCMG Public Sector B.V.
NCIM-Groep
PTS Software BV
Uni Business Centre
Yoep B.V.

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ANNEX A – Potential Bidders List
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NORWAY

Ementor Norge AS
ErgoGroup AS
Umoe IKT

POLAND

ABG S.A.
ATM S.A.
ComArch S.A.
Decsoft S.A.
Military Communication Institute
PROKOM Software S.A.
Qumak-Sekom S.A.
S&T Services Polska Sp. z o.o.
Sygnity S.A.
Unizeto Technologies SA
WASKO Sp. z o.o. for WASKO S.A.

PORTUGAL

Skysoft Portugal, Software e Tecnologias

ROMANIA

S.C. UTI Systems

SPAIN

Alma Technologies s.a.
Especialidades Electricas S.A.
GMV
Indra Sistemas (former Bde)

TURKEY

STM Savunma Teknolojileri Mühendislik ve

UNITED KINGDOM

Alcatel-Lucent Telecom Ltd
Artemis Communications
Audax
BAE Systems Integrated SystemTechnologies Limited
CGP Associates Ltd
Detica Limited
Modis International Ltd.
Moltek Consultants LTD
Nettelics Ltd.
Newman & Spurr Consultancy Ltd
Open Networks - Government & Defence
Osprey Index Ltd T\A 4ExForces

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ANNEX A – Potential Bidders List
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SCN Ltd
Silicon Valley Group Plc
Software Box Ltd.
Symbelec Ltd
Systematic Software Engineering Ltd

UNITED STATES

AT&T Government Solutions, Inc.
Applied Coherent Technology Corp.
Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC)
DRS Technical Services, Inc.
EMW, Inc.
Guident Technologies Inc
L-3 Services, Inc., Global Security & Engineering Solutions
LMI
Lockheed Martin Corporation
ManTech Global Services Corporation
Microsoft Corporation
NEE & PMC
Optimum Solutions, Inc.
Raytheon Company Network Centric Systems
SAIC

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PROVISION OF SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES FOR THE NATO INTEL TOOLBOX (NITB) FOR ISAF, SUMMARY

Background

The NATO Intel Tool Box (NITB) is a server-client architecture where client systems make queries to the server for different types of intelligence data; typically imagery and reports. All the data stored by the NITB server is described by metadata. Using the metadata the NITB web-based client application can make complex queries involving multiple metadata attributes, including temporal and spatial metadata attributes.

An NITB capability is already deployed to ISAF. This current NITB version 2.0 was developed as a prototype and to make it better suited as an operational capability some improvements are required, particularly in the area of cross-security-domain NITB-to-NITB replication and in the area of Operations and Maintenance (O&M). This work aims to implement these improvements.

Scope of work

The following tasks shall be carried out:

1. Software developments:

- 1.1. Implementation of a Release Server. This function will enable an automated and secure transfer of data between the two security domains of NATO Secret and ISAF Secret. As of today this is a manual function, and is the main obstacle to efficient information sharing across ISAF. The Release Server will be implemented as a component external to the NITB server such that it can also support other systems in cross-security-domain information exchange.
- 1.2. Implementation of O&M support tools for the NITB. These include support for remote installation of new SW versions and updates of the NITB, remote administration, monitoring, diagnostics and management capabilities.
- 1.3. Improvement in the capability to import data from, and export data to, the Battlefield Information, Collection and Exploitation System (BICES) network:
 - 1.3.1. Implementation of a capability to ensure that information released by BICES that is marked as ‘releasable to ISAF’ is replicated – metadata and file data – through the Release Server all the way to all NITB servers on the ISAF NATO Secret and Mission Secret networks.
 - 1.3.2. Implementation of a capability to allow BICES access to information in NITB servers on the ISAF NATO Secret networks and the ISAF Mission Secret network.
- 1.4. Integrate and test the newly developed SW.

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ANNEX B – Summary of Requirements
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2. Develop a documentation package:
 - 2.1. Develop operational documentation: Provide a comprehensive set of reference documentation that describes ISAF intelligence processes, procedures and systems in easy to understand terms.
 - 2.2. Develop a system documentation package. This documentation package will include documentation necessary for obtaining accreditation and approval to operate the new NITB configuration including the Release Server.
3. Perform installation and acceptance testing in ISAF of the Release Server SW package and the updated NITB SW.
4. Provide 1-year initial O&M support

Please note that the hardware will be provided by NATO as Purchaser Furniture Equipment.

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