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Subject: **Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for Provision of Services for Public Information Access (PIA) and Enterprise Component:**

IFB CO-12846-PIA

References: A. AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition)

B. AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition) – Annex "X"

C. AC/4-D(2008)0002-REV1

D. DS(2008)0025 (INV)

E. DS(2010)0029

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the document at Reference A, notice is hereby given of the intent of the NATO C3 Agency to invite bids for the provision of services for Public Information Access (PIA) and Enterprise Component.
2. The scope of the project "Provide Public Information Access (PIA)" shall provide access to Public Information services through the managed gateways. The PIA Gateways shall provide remote access for roaming users to their Commands.
3. It is the purpose of the Contract to procure reliable, secure, resilient and managed Internet Gateway Services from a Contractor on NATO Sites (On-site Outsourcing) to satisfy the full operational requirements of the user community to access Public Information Services. The PIA gateway services include but are not limited to relay, protect and filter internet access (browsing, web publishing, extranet) and internet e-mail traffic to and from the connected Commands.
4. The PIA GWs shall be integrated into the NATO network environment and configured and sized such that they can seamlessly take over the functions and traffic load of another PIA GW in case of failure.
5. Provision of inter-PIA GW connectivity and connection to internet services to ensure the required service availability and performance levels shall be the Service Provider's responsibility
6. In addition the Contractor shall also be responsible to provide, install and integrate the Enterprise Service Capability to provide Network Operating System (e.g. Windows Active Directory Single Forest Single domain), Global Address List (GAL) and Enterprise E-mail services. The Enterprise Service Capability shall be handed over to Purchaser following the formal System Acceptance Tests.
7. The geographic locations of the four PIA Gateways are given below:
 - SHAPE CASTEAU MONS BELGIUM

- ACT NORFOLK USA
- CASTELGATE GERMANY
- NAPLES ITALY

8. The project shall deliver the PIA GW services and Enterprise services Capability no later than 9 months after the Effective Date of Contract (EDC). The operational capability shall include the provision, installation and integration of the PIA GW capability to provide services and Enterprise Component.
9. The following information is provided for the information of the Nations:
 - a. It is anticipated that the Invitation For Bid will be issued in April 2011.
 - b. The closing date for receipt of bids is scheduled for July 2011.
 - c. Contract Award is anticipated in October 2011.
 - d. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of 12 months from closing date for receipt of bids, supported by a Bid Guarantee of EURO 100,000. Should the selection and award procedure exceed the 12-month estimate; firms will be requested to voluntarily extend the validity of their bids and Bid Guarantee accordingly. Bidders may decline to do so, withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
 - e. National authorities are advised that the technical specifications applicable to the bidding and the contractual documents are "NATO UNCLASSIFIED". For the performance of the contract, bidders will be required to hold a "NATO SECRET" security clearance for personnel and the contractor's facility, which must be in place prior to contract award.
 - f. The envisaged method of bidding will be International Competitive Bidding procedures. The evaluation of bids will be conducted in accordance with the Procedures and Practices for Conducting NSIP International Competitive Bidding Using Best Value Evaluation Methodology.
 - g. The top-level bid evaluation criteria with their associated weightings will be 0.5 for Price and 0.5 for Technical. The second level criteria for technical evaluation areas will be as follows:
 - Engineering Score – 80% weight factor;
 - Management Score – 20% weight factor

The evaluation of the bid price will be based on the life cycle (investment and operation and maintenance) cost.

- h. All bids will be evaluated against the criteria described above in accordance with the prescription in Reference C. When the evaluation is completed the score for each bidder will be obtained through the weighted average of the stated evaluation factors

by using the weights specified above and the following formula to obtain the weighted price score:

$$PS = 100 * [1 - (\text{Price of the Bid} / 2 \times \text{Average Bid Price})]$$

Where:

PS = Price Score

10. The estimated value of the resulting contract is **€4,055,975.00** (€2,978,003.00 estimated PIA GW one-time cost plus one year service cost and €1,077,972.00 estimated Enterprise Services Component cost.) Bidders are notified pursuant paragraph 11.3 of Reference C; the amounts of the bids submitted to the IFB shall not exceed the 125% of the authorized amount for the project as per Reference I.
11. The contract period of services is estimated at 3 years with additional 2 year extensions as evaluated option.
12. The Invitation for Bid (IFB) to be issued for this acquisition will be identified as **IFB-CO-12846-PIA**. All correspondence concerning this solicitation should reference this number.
13. All equipment and services provided under this contract in support of services delivered at NATO premises shall be of a NATO member state manufacturer origin. As an example, a help desk must be located in a NATO member country and manned by NATO member nationals with NATO SECRET security clearances.
14. National authorities are requested to forward a list of their nominated firms, including phone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses and point of contact to the following address **not later than 2 March 2011**:

NATO C3 Agency
ACQ/ASG
Boulevard Leopold III
B-1110 Brussels
Belgium

Attn: Ms. Rebecca Benson, Senior Contracting Officer

15. Ms. Rebecca Benson is the Agency point of contact for this procurement and may be reached by email at Rebecca.Benson@nc3a.nato.int , phone +32-2-707-8328 or by FAX at +32-2-707-8271.

16. It is requested that interested firms be introduced by their National Authorities with the required "Declaration of Eligibility". It is emphasized that requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual firms cannot be considered.

FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER

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L. T. Herway
Chief of Contracts

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