



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANIZATION
CENTRE FOR MARITIME RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION



TO: Permanent Representatives to NATO

CC: STO FC

DATE: 2 OCT 2020

SUBJ: Notification of Intent (NOI) to issue an Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) for the Provision of IT Professional Support Services to STO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE).

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. In accordance with the stipulations of the NATO Financial Regulations and art. 8.2.2 of the NATO IS Procurement Manual adopted by the STO CMRE Procurement Procedures - the following information is provided in conjunction with the issuance of attached Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) package no. CMRE 20-010:

IFIB Reference: **IFIB CMRE-20-010**

Title of IFIB: IT Professional Support Services to STO CMRE.

Requirement: The Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE) is an executive body of the Science and Technology Organization (STO). The CMRE organizes and conducts scientific research and technology development and delivers innovative field-tested science and technology solutions to address the defence and security needs of the Alliance. Within the CMRE Engineering and Information technology Division (EITD), the Information Technology Department (IT) supports the execution of the programme of work (POW) through the conception, design, development and construction of state of the art technologies and (software) services in the field of computing, networking and modelling & simulation (M&S), ensuring interoperability, security and compliance with relevant NATO policies and regulations.. CMRE is soliciting Contractor support to meet

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demands for specialist technical assistance in the field of Scientific Information Systems falling under Software Development and Data Management Section's responsibility, which exceed manpower assigned levels and scope. Application areas are centered on customer-funded projects as per the approved Centre's POW, and may extend to the operation of shared infrastructures used to deliver Centre output. The precise number of professionals and the profiles required will be detailed in the solicitation document.

- Type of Contract: CMRE intends to award multiple Basic Ordering Agreements (BOAs) against which issue separate Firm Fixed Price (FFP), level of effort - Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) task orders based on pre-agreed hourly rates.
- Bidding Procedure: Sealed bid (no negotiations).
- Award Method: Multiple awards based on Lowest Priced Technically Acceptable (LPTA) bids.
- Funding: Est. annual cost: Euro 200K-700K
- Classification: NATO Unclassified
- IFIB Issue Date: 2 Oct 2020
- IFIB Closing Date: 12 Nov 2020
- Eligibility: Solicitation is open to all governmental and/or commercial entities that originate or are chartered/incorporated within NATO-member nations. Contractor personnel performing services under the contract must be citizens of a NATO nation.
- Period of Performance: BOAs validity period is Jan – Dec 2021, plus four option years (2022-2025). Specific performance periods will be stated in the task orders.

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Delivery/Performance

Location(s): CMRE in La Spezia, Italy, or Contractor personnel's work location.

Partial bidding: Partial Bidding and multiple awards are possible and foreseen.

Website: <http://www.cmre.nato.int/procurement/open-solicitations>

2. This Centre will directly email the IFIB documents to all interested bidders (seventeen have been currently identified as per attached list), as well as post it on the CMRE's website (<https://www.cmre.nato.int/procurement/open-solicitations>) to make it available for download. You are hereby invited to nominate, **by email** the names, full address, point of contact, telephone, facsimile number and e-mail address of potential qualified bidders established within your country. Nomination will be received until **28 Oct 2020, COB**. This and any other correspondence hereto is to be addressed to:

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Respectfully,

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Head of Contracts

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Attachments:

- IFIB CMRE 20-010 solicitation package.
- IFIB CMRE-20-010 bidders' mailing list.