



16 June 2025

**NOTICE**  
NOI IFIB-CMRE-25-010

To : NATO Delegations  
Attn. Secretaries of Delegations

Cc : STO FC

From : CMRE Purchasing & Contracting Office

Subject : **Notification of Intention (NOI) to Issue an Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) no. CMRE 25-010 for the provision of an electro-hydraulic Tow Winch for the NATO research vessel "Alliance" owned by STO-CMRE in La Spezia – Italy**

Reference : 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 IFIB stated above.

2. This procurement action will follow the Formal Procurement procedure specified in Reference, adopted by the STO CMRE Procurement Procedures.

IFIB Reference: CMRE-25-010

Title of IFIB: Provision of an electro-hydraulic Tow Winch for the NATO research vessel "Alliance" owned by STO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE), in La Spezia, Italy.

Requirement: CMRE, owner of the vessel NRV ALLIANCE, flagged and operated by the Italian Navy, conducting Maritime Research and specialized experimentation, is looking to replace the Vessel's existing electro-hydraulic Tow Winch with oceanographic capabilities with a modern design Electrical Build to Order Winch. A full description of the technical requirements will be provided with the solicitation package.

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

Delivery Period: 12 months from date of contract award

Bidding Procedure: Sealed bid (no negotiations).

Award Method: Best value.

Funding: Estimated amount 1M Euro.

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

IFIB Issue Date: 22 July 2025

IFIB Closing Date: 21 October 2025

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

Delivery terms: Ex-works

3. You are hereby invited to nominate via email, by **21 July 2025**, the names, full address, point of contact, telephone, and e-mail address of potential qualified bidders established within your country.

4. The CMRE will directly e-mail this IFIB to all potential bidders. The IFIB will also be published on the CMRE portal.

5. This and any other correspondence hereto are to be addressed to:

STO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE)

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