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NOTICE
NOI IFIB-CMRE-26-019

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 26-019 for the Provision of an expeditionary Sub-Bottom Profiling System**

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-26-019

Title of IFIB: Provision of an expeditionary Sub-Bottom Profiling System.

Requirement: CMRE intends to award a contract for the provision of an expeditionary Sub-Bottom Profiling system including wet end, tow body or alternative deployable wet-end arrangement, towing cable, winch/handling system, topside electronics, command and control, data acquisition, processing software, documentation, training, warranty and support.

The system shall support high-quality oceanographic, geophysical and acoustic research activities requiring, high-resolution sub-seabed sediment stratification, geo-acoustic layer identification, sediment layering and shallow stratigraphy



analysis, acoustic propagation modelling support, sub-bottom data acquisition in deep-water operating conditions, open format scientific data export suitable for CMRE post-processing and algorithm development.

Full description of the technical requirements will be provided with the solicitation package.

Type of Contract: Firm Fixed Price (FFP)

Delivery: 12-14 months from date of contract award.

Bidding Procedure: Sealed bid.

Award Method: Lowest Priced Technically compliant bid (LPTC).

Funding: Estimated amount is 600K-1.1M Euro

Classification: The solicitation and resulting contract documents are classified NU.

IFIB Issue Date: Mid-October 2026 (TBC)

IFIB Closing Date: December 2026 (TBC)

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

Delivery location: CMRE in La Spezia, Italy.

3. You are hereby invited to nominate via email, by **14 October 2026**, 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:

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Very respectfully,

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