

Notification of Intent to Invite Bids

Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

Provide Wireless Centralised Management Interface (WCMI)

NCI Agency Reference #: IFB-CO-115827-WCMI

Estimated Amount: 1,903,766 EUR

NOI Closing Date: 16 May 2024

Solicitation Release Date: Anticipated on 30 June 2024

Solicitation Closing Date: Anticipated on 31 December 2024

Contract Award Date: Anticipated on 30 June 2025

Competition Type: ICB Lowest Priced Technically Compliant

The NCI Agency hereby notifies the NATO Nations of its intent to invite bids for the procurement of Wireless Centralised Management Interface. The scope of this upcoming opportunity is anticipated to develop and implement a mediation platform designed to support the coordination of NATO services delivery through national access points, henceforth referred to in this document as Wireless Centralised Management Interface (WCMI). This platform shall be based on central node that collects service delivery related data from the different national providers and offers planning, monitoring and business intelligence capabilities to ensure the required Service Levels for the end users. The Project 2015/OCM03069 is included in Capability Package (CP) 9A0101 "Wireless Communication Transmission Services other than SATCOM", approved by the North Atlantic Council at C-M(2015)0042-AS1.

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Attention Suppliers,

The NCI Agency is stepping into a new era of procurement. We have launched an eProcurement tool, Neo, to make our collaborations smoother, faster, and more transparent. If you are keen to do business with us, you will need to register in [Neo](#). This tool will offer suppliers visibility into past, current and upcoming business opportunities, and streamlines the competition cycles, contract awards, and account management.

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- A. Summary of Requirements
- B. Distribution List

To : Distribution List

Subject : **Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for Provide Wireless Centralised Management Interface (WCMI)**

References :

- A.** AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition), NSIP Procedures for International Competitive Bidding
- B.** NATO Investment Committee Decision Sheet, AC/4-DS(2020)0003-COR1, AC/4-DS(2024)0010, AC/4(PP)D/27546-ADD2, AC/4(PP)D/27546-ADD3

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1. In accordance with References A through B, the NCI Agency, as the Host Nation responsible to implement the project in subject, hereby gives notice of its intent (NOI) to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Provide Wireless Centralised Management Interface (WCMI), hereafter referred to as the "Project".
 2. A high-level summary of the Project's technical requirements is set forth in Annex A hereto. These requirements are being refined and will be included in further details as part of the IFB.
 3. The reference for this Project is IFB-CO-115827-WCMI, and all correspondence concerning this NOI and subsequent IFB should reference this number.
 4. NCI Agency also plans conducting the **Bidders' Conference** after the issuance of IFB. The details regarding the Bidder's Conference will be included in the IFB document.
 5. The NCI Agency plans to issue an IFB using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Procedure for Lowest Priced Technically Compliant (LPTC) evaluations. A **single**, firm-fixed price contract is planned for the entire scope of work.
 6. Eligibility to participate in the subsequent IFB is declared by national authorities. Hence, qualified and certified companies interested in receiving the IFB for this Project are hereby requested to provide a Declaration of Eligibility (DoE), sent by their Delegation/Mission to NATO to the NCI Agency contracting authority not later than 16 May 2024, which is 35 calendar days after the date of this letter.
 - a. In addition to the certification of the company's security clearances required under this NOI, the DoE should include the following information for each of the nominated companies:
 - Company name
 - Company address
 - Point of Contact (PoC)
 - PoC email address

- PoC telephone number

- b. This information is critical to enable prompt and accurate communication with prospective bidders and should be sent electronically to IFB-CO-115827-WCMI@ncia.nato.int.
- 7. In order to maximize competition the NCI Agency may, at its discretion, accept nominations after the deadline, so long as the IFB has not been issued. The NCI Agency may even accept, at its discretion, nominations after the IFB has been issued under the condition that such late nomination will not be used as the basis to request an extension to the bid closing date.
- 8. A Final Bidders List, with all the new nominations or modifications, will be issued along with the Invitation for Bids.
- 9. Requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual companies will not be considered.
- 10. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of 12 months from bid closing date. Should the selection and award procedure exceed the bid closing date by more than 12 months, companies will be requested to voluntarily extend the validity of their bids accordingly. Bidders may decline to do so, withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
- 11. Please note that it is anticipated that the IFB will include a requirement for prospective Bidders to demonstrate their financial ability to undertake this project and mandatory criteria for extensive experience with the provision of similar types of projects.
- 12. National authorities are advised that the IFB package is anticipated to be NATO UNCLASSIFIED. However, the IFB and the contractual documents could contain references to other NATO documents classified as NATO RESTRICTED.
- 13. The successful bidder will be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO SECRET. In addition, contractor personnel will be required to work unescorted in Class II Security areas. Therefore, access can only be permitted to cleared individuals. Only companies maintaining such cleared facilities and the appropriate personnel clearances will be able to perform the resulting contract.
- 14. The NCI Agency reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or withdraw this NOI at its own discretion and at any time. The NCI Agency is not liable for any expenses incurred by companies in conjunction with their responses to this NOI and such responses shall not be regarded as a commitment of any kind concerning future procurement of the items or services described herein.
- 15. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.



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For the Chief of Acquisition:

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Annex A – Summary of Requirements

Project No. 2015/0CM03069, CP 9A0101

1. Background

The current BRASS network consists of national BRASS/BLOS AP (Broadcast and Ship Shore / Beyond Line Of Sight Access Point) nodes remotely managing assets located in different transmitting and receiving locations. There is one or more node and transmitting and receiving station per nation with access to the sea. The national assets are used by NATO based on Memorandum of Understanding to communicate with the ships under NATO Operational Control. The overall responsibility for co-ordination of all NATO BRASS/BLOS AP services and facilities belongs to MARCOM (NATO Maritime Command).

The Wireless Centralised Management Interface (WCMI) delivered under this project will be used by MARCOM and NATO/National Network Control Centres to monitor in the near real time the status of wireless assets assigned to NATO, the service quality and to collect data to facilitate the decision making on the efficient use of the available transmitting and receiving stations to communicate with the deployed forces.

WCMI project will develop and implement a mediation platform designed to collect data from wireless assets and other sources and to present it to control centres in an organised format.

WCMI shall be a software based system that will support MARCOM in the coordination of service delivery through national BLOS AP. The WCMI is expected to be built through the integration of COTS (Commercial of the Shelf) based solutions, where a central node will collect service delivery related data from the different national providers and offer planning, monitoring and business intelligence capabilities to ensure the required Service Levels for the end users.

WCMI will be built on the foundations of the BRASS and BLOS AP network. The system will be used as an information gathering tool but the design and service level requirements shall be similar to the one stated for the systems used in operations.

Interoperability of this project's capability with other CP9A0101 projects will be achieved by applying recognized standards and solutions based on current COTS technologies. The current capability based on ACP 127 text messages will be sustained with the assets that are not able to support SNMP or similar protocol. The WCMI will increase the level of interoperability and cooperation between NATO Nations.

The technologies and solutions used to implement WCMI will be made available to the Nations that decide to implement similar projects for their national purposes.

2. Scope of Work

The scope of the project is to deliver:

- The WCMI project is intended to create a mediation platform that will be used to gather information from BRASS national stations when Nations are offering services to NATO and other sources, and visualise it on geographical map overlay.
- Using Centralised Management Interface – Service Management and Control proxies, the WCMI will collect data concerning Broadcast, Ship-Shore and MRL (Maritime Rear Link) circuits and other services. All information is to be time-stamped for traceability purposes.
- The WCMI project will automate the processing of reports (formal messages) and display collected data in the web-based portal. As all BRASS network management / monitoring is expected to be automated through an Internet-standard protocol – such as SNMP or similar – WCMI will have the ability to manage information gathered from other sources (Formal messaging and selected internet-standard protocol etc.).
- Additionally, WCMI is intended to have a real-time journal accessible to operators and saved every 24 hours to create a historical record. It shall contain maintenance schedules and planned outages of the Broadcast Control Stations in order for MARCOM to plan broadcast re-transmission/service re-routing. The historical record will be kept for the required period of time to allow historical reporting and analysis.

3. Period of Performance

- a. The Period of Performance is anticipated to start in Q3 2025 and end in Q3 2027. It is important to note that this timeline represents the anticipated duration of the Project, and adjustments may be made as per the requirements of the solicitation process and subsequent contractual agreement.

4. Warranty

- a. Following Final System Acceptance, the contract will require a 12-month Warranty covering all equipment, software, documents, system design, production installation and implementation work provided under the Contract.

Annex B – Distribution List

NATO Delegations:

Albania	Greece	Poland
Belgium	Hungary	Portugal
Bulgaria	Iceland	Romania
Canada	Italy	Slovakia
Croatia	Latvia	Slovenia
Czechia	Lithuania	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	The Republic of Türkiye
Estonia	Netherlands	The United Kingdom
France	Norway	The United States
Germany		

Embassies in Brussels (Attn: Commercial Attaché):

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Belgium	Hungary	Portugal
Bulgaria	Iceland	Romania
Canada	Italy	Slovakia
Croatia	Latvia	Slovenia
Czechia	Lithuania	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	The Republic of Türkiye
Estonia	Netherlands	The United Kingdom
France	Norway	The United States
Germany		

NCI Agency –NATEXs of the above listed Nations