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Notification Of Intent to Invite Bids

**Provide Life Cycle Replacement of
Resolute Support Electronic Counter Measure (ECM) Systems**

IFB-CO-15041-ECM

The NCI Agency is planning to issue an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to replace Electronic Counter Measure (ECM) Systems in support of Resolute Support. This project will include the procurement, installation and testing of ECM equipment; as well as the on-site support of two Field Support Representatives (FSRs) permanently located in theatre. They will perform scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, troubleshoot in case of failure and provide operator training.

Total Estimated Value:

- Replacement of ECM Systems and first year of support in 2021	EUR 14.9M
- Five optional years of CLS Support - (2022-2026)	EUR 9.8M
Total	EUR 24.7M

It is planned to issue the IFB in accordance with the Alliance Operations and Missions (AOM) International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Lowest Compliant Bidder (LCB) procedures, as explained on the following page.

The NCI Agency expects to issue the formal Invitation for Bid (IFB) in **Q1 2020** with an anticipated contract award in **Q4 2020**.

NCI Agency Point of Contact

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Reference(s) : A. AC/4-D/(2011)0009-Final, Alliance Operations and Missions NSIP Procurement Regulations, Annex 1
B. AC/4-D/2261(1996 Edition), Procedures for International Competitive Bidding

1. The NCI Agency, as the Host Nation, hereby gives notice of its intent to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the Life Cycle Replacement of Resolute Support (RS) Electronic Counter Measure (ECM) Systems.
2. A high-level summary of the technical requirements of the Invitation for Bid is set forth in Annex B of this letter. These requirements are being refined as part of the preparation of the Invitation for Bid.
3. The reference for the Invitation for Bid is **IFB-CO-15041-ECM**, and all correspondence concerning this IFB should reference this number.
4. Following authorization from the NATO Investment Committee (IC), the NCI Agency intends to use the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Lowest Compliant Bidder (LCB) Procedure (Reference B), and apply the timelines and dispute procedures of the Alliance Operations and Missions (AOM) International Competitive Bidding Procedures (Reference A).
5. It is planned to award a single firm-fixed price contract for the procurement of approximately 95 ECM systems (80 mounted and 15 static) plus spares to guarantee sufficient availability. The initial contract period of performance is expected to be one year, plus another five years of optional support for warranty, spare parts and repair. No partial bidding will be accepted. The price evaluation will include the initial contract plus all options.
6. National Responsible Authorities are kindly requested to provide Declarations of Eligibility (DoE) to the NCI Agency, **not later than 27 January 2020**, of qualified and certified companies that may be interested in receiving an Invitation for Bid for this project. In addition to the information required by Annex 1, Section 5.2, *Eligibility*, of the procedures at Reference A, the DoE should include the following information for each of the nominated companies:
 - a) Official company name and address that would be included on a contract.
 - b) Company point of contact, telephone number and e-mail address.
 - c) Mailing address, if different from the address in (a) above, to be used for any IFB materials that would need to be sent via regular postal mail.

The DoE should be sent by email to the following point of contact:

NATO Communications and Information Agency
Attention: Emira Kapetanovic – Principal Contracting Assistant
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7. Please note that requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual companies cannot be considered, unless the company has an existing, valid Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA) with the NCI Agency. Those companies with a valid BOA who wish to be included on the bidders list should submit the same information required in paragraph 6, and also include the BOA number.
8. The NCI Agency plans to issue the IFB in February 2020 with a bid closing date in April 2020. Contract award is planned for November 2020.
9. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of twelve (12) months from closing date for receipt of bids, supported by a bid guarantee of €300,000. If the selection and award procedure exceed the bid closing date by more than twelve (12) months, the NCI Agency may be request firms voluntarily extend the validity of their bids and the bid guarantee accordingly. Bidders may decline to do so, withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
10. The National Authorities are advised that the IFB package is expected to be NATO RESTRICTED.
11. The successful bidder may be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of "NATO SECRET". In addition, execution of the proposed contract may require, in accordance with NATO Security Policy C-M(2002)49, personnel of the successful bidder to be required to hold individual security clearances of "NATO SECRET". Only firms maintaining such cleared facilities and the appropriate personnel clearances will be able to perform the resulting contract.
12. The NCI Agency point of contact for this IFB is Dan Gaertner, who can be reached at e-mail: daniel.gaertner@ncia.nato.int.
13. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

For The Director of Acquisition:



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Senior Contracting Officer

Attachments:

Annex A – Summary of Requirements

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IFB-CO-15041-ECM

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1. Background

- 1.1. Self protection against remote controlled improvised explosive devices (RC-IED) in Mission Resolute Support (RS) is currently provided by Electronic Counter Measures (ECM), also known as ‘jammers’. These jammers will reach ‘end of service life’ shortly.
- 1.2. To address the issue of ‘aging’, Resolute Support (RS) formulated a Crisis Response Operations Urgent Requirement (CUR) to modernise the NATO ECM capability to ensure adequate protection against advanced threats and supportability for the coming years. The operational scope in terms of objects to be protected remains unchanged
- 1.3. Through Crisis Response Operation – Urgent Requirement (CUR) 1992, RS has initiated the replacement of approximately 100 of these jammers.

2. Schedule

- 2.1. The release of the Invitation For Bid is scheduled for February 2020, aiming at an Effective Date of Contract of November 2020
- 2.2. The first batch of jammers will be delivered to Resolute Support in January 2021, followed by follow-on batches in the course of 2021.
- 2.3. The aim is to have all existing jammers, both vehicle and static sites, replaced before the end of 2021.

3. Scope

- 3.1. The project includes the procurement, installation and testing of sufficient ECM equipment to protect up to 80 vehicles and 5 entry control points.
- 3.2. In-theatre support for the first year is included in the project.
- 3.3. The equipment will be operated by military personnel and supported by 2 on-site contractors, located in Kabul.
- 3.4. The capability has an anticipated lifetime of 5 years, after which hardware upgrades may be necessary, depending on advances in insurgents’ techniques.

4. Technical Constraints

- 4.1. Protection level: The ECM capability shall be effective against current “high-priority” threats, including modern, sophisticated threats.¹

¹ Further details are classified and therefore omitted from this NOI.

- 4.2. Protection range: The ECM capability shall meet the minimum objective threshold distance for vehicle-mounted and fixed-site defeat capability against current threats.²
- 4.3. Interoperability: The ECM capability shall be interoperable with other ECM units, currently fielded in Kabul. In addition, it shall allow use of the Resolute Support Crash Network (RCN) radio system. This is the official NATO radio system used in the majority of vehicles.
- 4.4. Programmability: The ECM capability shall allow flexible programming to address evolving and emerging threats.
- 4.5. The ECM capability will be used by multinational Resolute Support personnel (military) when they deploy with their vehicles to perform their missions.
- 4.1. The ECM capability will be maintained by in-theatre service personnel under contract. Their role will be to perform routine maintenance, trouble-shooting and replacement of Line Replaceable Units (LRU) and to organise factory level repair if necessary.
- 4.2. The capability will be deployed to two bases in the Resolute Support theatre of operations: Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA) and Resolute Support Headquarters (RSHQ) located in Kabul.

5. Warranty

- 5.1. Warranty is included as part of the CLS contract. It will not be purchased as a separate item. The scope of this CLS-included warranty is as detailed below.
- 5.2. The scope of the warranty includes all equipment, software and installation. Damage caused by improper use, accidents or hostile activity (battle damage) is excluded from the warranty.
- 5.3. The equipment will be covered under warranty for the entire duration of the CLS contract.
- 5.4. The warranty period starts when the equipment officially enters operational service, following successful Site Acceptance Testing.

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