



31 October 2018

To : See Distribution List

Subject : **AMENDMENT 3 TO INVITATION FOR BID – IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ
Provision of Level 3 IT Support at NATO HQ**

Reference(s) : A. NCI Agency Notification of Intent (NOI), NCIA/ACQ/2018/1391, dd. 13 July 2018
B. NCI Agency Invitation for Bid (IFB), NCIA/ACQ/2018/1563, dd. 10 September 2018
C. NCI Agency Invitation for Bid (IFB) – Amendment 1, NCIA/ACQ/2018/1665, dd. 10 October 2018
D. NCI Agency Invitation for Bid (IFB) – Amendment 2, NCIA/ACQ/2018/1743, dd. 26 October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

1. Through the letter referenced under B, the NCI Agency issued an Invitation For Bid (IFB) for the subject project.
2. Through reference C, the NCI Agency issued IFB Amendment 1 to publish the responses to Clarification Requests (CRs A1-A7, P1-P3 and T1-T21) and to extend the Bid Closing Date. The IFB documents were amended accordingly.
3. Through reference D, the NCI Agency issued IFB Amendment 2 to publish the responses to Clarification Requests (CRs A8, P4-P8 and T22-T28).
4. The purpose of this IFB – Amendment 3 is to publish the responses to additional Clarification Requests (CRs A9, P9 and T29 – Attachment 1) and to extend the Bid Closing Date.
5. **THE CLOSING TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION FOR BID IS HEREWITH EXTENDED BY 1 WEEK AND IS NOW 16:00 HOURS (BRUSSELS TIME) ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018.**
6. As a direct or indirect result of these CRs, Book I: Bidding Instructions (Attachment 2), has been amended and is re-issued in its entirety. Potential bidders are strongly advised to carefully review the revised bidding documents.
7. With the exception of the revisions mentioned above, all other IFB documents remain unchanged from their original versions as issued on 10 September 2018 or revisions issued on 10 October 2018 and 26 October 2018.
8. The overall security classification of this bid is “NATO UNCLASSIFIED”. This Invitation for Bid remains the property of the NCI Agency and shall be protected in accordance with the applicable national security regulations.

9. Bidders are requested to complete and return the enclosed acknowledgement of receipt within five (5) days of receipt of this IFB Amendment.
10. This Invitation for Bid does not constitute either a financial or contractual commitment at this stage. Prospective Bidders are advised that the NCI Agency reserves the right to cancel this IFB at any time in its entirety and bears no liability for bid preparation costs incurred by firms or any other collateral costs if bid cancellation occurs.
11. The NCI Agency point of contact for all information concerning this IFB is:
NATO Communications and Information Agency
Boulevard Leopold III
1110 Brussels, Belgium

Attn: Sarah Hazebroek, Senior Contracting Officer
E-mail: IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ@ncia.nato.int

On behalf of the Director of Acquisition:

[Original Signed By]
Jean-Luc Guellec
Acting Chief of Contracts

Annex:

A: Acknowledgement of Receipt



ATTACHMENT A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF INVITATION FOR BID

IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ – AMENDMENT 3

Please complete and return within 5 days after receipt of the IFB Amendment
(via e-mail to IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ@ncia.nato.int):

We hereby advise that we have received Invitation for Bid **IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ Amendment 3** on _____, together with all enclosures listed in the Table of Contents.

CHECK ONE

- { } As of this date and without commitment on our part, we do intend to submit a bid.
- { } We do not intend to submit a bid.
- { } We are reviewing the requirements of the IFB and will notify you of our decision as soon as possible.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

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IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ – AMD 3
Clarification Requests



IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ – AMENDMENT 3

RESPONSES TO CLARIFICATION REQUESTS

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ADMINISTRATION or CONTRACTING			
Serial NR	IFB REF	QUESTION	ANSWER
A.9	Book I – Bidding Instructions 2.3.1	Request for an additional extension of Bid Closing Date with 21 days (3 weeks).	See A.1. The Bid Closing Date is extended with 1 week (from 5 November 2018 to 12 November 2018)

PRICE			
Serial NR	IFB REF	QUESTION	ANSWER
P.9	4_IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ-AMD 2- Book II-SSS.pdf Serial-MPN numbers	<p>All items provided by the purchaser of Lucent Technologies is End-of-Life and in addition for item “MULTIPLEXER, AMS-E1-16, ACCESS, METROPOLIS” the serial numbers doesn’t correspond with their serial number structure. This means that level 3 support for these items is no longer available and thus no pricing can be provided. The equipment should be replaced by a new alternative solution (if available) to be procured by NCI Agency.</p> <p>Can NCI Agency provide guidance how we have to complete the information in the document “3_IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ - AMD 2 - Book I - Bidding sheets.xlsx” for those items? Kind request to adapt the impacted documents accordingly.</p>	<p>Provided the Lucent Technology devices would be End-of-Life, Bidders shall provide pricing for the Lucent Technologies OEM support per the defined service flavours for the next generation items.</p> <p>The Purchaser reserves its right to hold the bidder to the offered price if at Contract award the respective Lucent items would not be End-of-Life.</p>

TECHNICAL			
Serial NR	IFB AMD 1 REF	QUESTION	ANSWER
T.29	4_IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ - AMD 2 - Book II - SSS.pdf	Although serial number information was added for a lot of equipment and provided for convenience, most of the suppliers need the serial number to be able to provide an offer. After reviewing serial number information in “4_IFB-CO-14825-NNHQ - AMD 2 - Book II - SSS.pdf” could it be that the serial numbers for “Netscout” equipment are still missing? If so, can these still be provided?	These serial numbers are not available. See P.6.