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From: The General Manager, NATO Communications and Information Agency
(NCI Agency)

Subject: **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO INVITATION FOR BID NO. IFB-CO-14150-SMC-TA**

Provision of SMC Target Architecture for Implementation of Enterprise Wide End-to-End SMC Capability

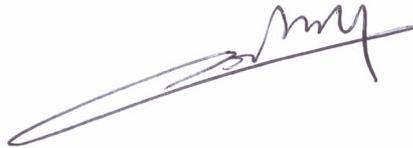
References: A. NCI Agency IFB-CO-14150-SMC-TA, issued 1 March 2016
B. NCI Agency IFB-CO-14150-SMC-TA AMD 1, issued 5 April 2016

Prospective Bidders:

1. Through the letter referenced under A, the NCI Agency issued an Invitation For Bid (IFB) for the subject project.
2. Through reference B, the NCI Agency issued IFB Amendment 1 to publish the responses to Clarification Requests (CRs A1-A8, P1-P7 and T1-T92) and to extend the Bid Closing Date. The IFB documents were amended accordingly.
3. The purpose of this IFB – Questions and Answers document is to publish the responses to additional Questions related to the initial Clarification Requests (CRs A9-A10, P8 and T93-T106 – Attachment 1).
4. The answers published with this letter may provide additional guidance to bidders. They do not, however, pertain to any additional requirements to the IFB. As such, all IFB documents remain unchanged from their last issued version.
5. The closing time for submission of bids in response to this Invitation For Bid remains unchanged: **26 April 2016 at 14:00 Hours (Brussels time)**.
6. The overall security classification of this IFB is “NATO UNCLASSIFIED”.
7. Prospective Bidders are requested to complete and return the enclosed Acknowledgement of Receipt within 7 days of receipt.

8. This IFB, any Amendment or other document thereto remains the property of the NCI Agency and shall be protected in accordance with the applicable national security regulations.
9. This IFB does not constitute either a financial or contractual commitment at this stage.
10. Prospective Bidders are advised that the NCI Agency reserves the right to cancel, withdraw, or suspend 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, withdrawal, or suspension occurs.
11. Sarah Hazebroek is the sole Agency point of contact for this procurement and may be reached via e-mail: Sarah.Hazebroek@ncia.nato.int.

FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER:



Alain Courtois
Principal Contracting Officer

Attachment 1: IFB-CO-14150-SMC-TA – CRs questions and answers



IFB-CO-14150-SMC-TA
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF INVITATION FOR BID – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Please complete and return within **7 days** after receipt of the IFB Questions and Answers (via e-mail to sarah.hazebroek@ncia.nato.int and werner.goos@ncia.nato.int):

We hereby advise that we have received the letter with Questions and Answers to Invitation for Bid **IFB-CO-14150-SMC-TA** on _____, together with all enclosures listed.

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: _____