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**Notification of Intent
SSSB Croatia Project
IFB-CO-14036-SSSB-HRV
€2,915,408**

(estimated cost IAW relevant D documents in reference C to D)

In accordance with Reference B, procurement of the electronic equipment for the SSSB systems whose Host Nation is Croatia, has been authorised. Nations are kindly requested to nominate firms for the SSSB HRV project, in accordance with NATO's Minimum Military Requirements (MMR).

The Project (Serial# 2009/5WI39001-0) will provide SSSB (Ship-Shore-Ship Buffer) Interface for Croatia as programmed under relevant Capability Package (Addendum 2 to CP 5A0063, at Reference B). The purpose of this NOI is to invite companies to bid for the relevant portions of the above mentioned project whose details are given at Annex B.

The majority of the projects related to Civil Works will be performed by Croatia through national competitive bidding and are out of the scope of this bid. The scope of this bid will encompass the procurement and installation of the radio communication and inter-site link equipment, of the SSSB project.

The formal IFB is planned to be issued in **February 2017** with a Bid Closing Date in **May 2017** and Contract Award in **December 2017**.

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To: Distribution List

Subject: Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for International Competitive Bidding
Provide Croatia Ship-Shore-Ship Buffer
IFB-CO-14036-SSSB-HRV

References: A- AC/4-2261 (1996 Edition)
B- AC/4-DS(2015)0018
C- AC/4(PP)D/26910-REV1-ADD1, AC/4-DS(2014)0006
D- AC/4(PP)D/26910-REV1; AC/4-DS(2011)0020
E- C-M(2002)49 – NATO Security Policy

1. The NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency), acting as Procurement Agent on behalf of Croatia, intends, in accordance with Paragraph 6 of Reference A, to invite bids for the procurement and implementation of the SSSB Interface in Croatia.
2. An overview of the requirements for this IFB are summarised in the attachments hereto.
3. The estimated investment cost for the services and deliverables included within scope of the intended contract is estimated at €2,915,408 for all five sites combined as set forth in References C-D. Disclosure of the budget information to prospective bidders may be detrimental to the execution of fair competition. The Agency requests that this information will not be communicated to industry.
4. This will be a single Firm Fixed Price contract with expected duration of approximately **24 months**. It is planned to place a single contract with one Contractor. No partial bidding shall be allowed.
5. The NCI Agency was authorised to use the standard International Competitive Bidding Procedure, i.e. lowest priced technically compliant bid.
6. The IFB is planned to be issued by the end of **February 2017**, with a Bid Closing Date in **May 2017**, and an anticipated Contract Award in **December 2017**. Contract Award is subject to funding priority and availability as determined by the NATO Investment Committee. The Purchaser reserves the right to amend these dates at their discretion.
7. Pursuant to Paragraph 6 of Reference A, National Representatives are kindly requested that the NCI Agency be provided with a Declaration of Eligibility, not later than **31 January 2017**, of qualified and certified firms which are interested in bidding for this project. In addition to the certifications required under this NOI, the Declarations of Eligibility shall include the following information for each of the nominated firms: **name of the firm, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and Point of Contact**. This information is critical to enable smooth communication with prospective Bidders and should be sent to the following address:

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8. It is emphasized that requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual firms cannot be considered.
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 Euro €150,000 (One hundred and fifty thousand euro). Should the selection and award procedure extend beyond 12 months after Bid Closing Date firms will be requested to voluntarily extend the validity of their bids and Bid Guarantee accordingly. Bidders may decline to do so; however they shall withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
10. National Authorities are advised that the IFB Package will be NATO UNCLASSIFIED. However, execution of the proposed contract will require unescorted access and work of contractor personnel at NATO Class II security areas and in accordance with reference D, personnel of the winning bidder will be required to hold individual security clearances of "NATO S*****". Only companies maintaining appropriate personnel clearances will be able to perform the resulting contract. Bidders are to note that contract award will not be delayed in order to allow Contractor personnel to obtain missing clearances.
11. Prospective Bidders will be invited to participate in a four-day combined Bidders' Conference and Site Survey that are currently scheduled to be held in **late March 2017**. Therefore, the Bidders are kindly reminded to take actions to have a valid security clearance of a minimum of "NATO S*****" for the people who will attend the Site Survey.
12. The reference for the IFB is IFB-CO-14036-SSSB-HRV and all correspondence concerning this IFB should reference this number.
13. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER:



Michael Jones
Senior Contracting Officer

Enclosures:

Annex A (Distribution List)

Annex B (Work Summary Description of Project Scope)



Annex A
Distribution List for Official Notification of Intent to Call for Bids
IFB-CO-14036-ACCS

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Italy	1
Latvia	1
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Luxembourg	1
The Netherlands	1
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Annex B
CROATIA - WARNING INSTALLATION - ZAGREB
PROVIDE NATINADS IN CROATIA FOC
SERIAL 2009/5WI39001
Work Summary Description of Project Scope

1. Background

The SSSB is a real time digital link buffer system supporting the exchange of tactical information between the NATO Air Defence Ground Environment (NADGE) system, Airborne Early Warning (AEW) systems and Naval Forces by the use of NATO data Link 1, 11 and 11B. In the future this will also include L22.

The System will provide Ship-Shore-Ship Buffer (SSSB) capabilities and High Frequency (HF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radio communications to the CRC/MOC and radio communication sites in Croatia. It will encompass the provision, implementation, monitoring and acceptance of SSSB in the Buffer Control Centre (BCC) at CRC Podvornica and Maritime Operation Centre (MOC) Split. New transmitting and receiving radio sites at Zecevo, Vis, Lastovo, Mljet and Dugi Otok shall be established.

2. Operational Objective

The purpose of implementing SSSB system in Croatia is to provide a data exchange network Link 11 – TADIL A without degradation of the information content iaw applicable STANAG and MIL-STDs.

The integration of the five radio sites of Zecevo, Vis, Lastovo, Mljet and Dugi Otok with the buffer site in CRC Podvornica with remote operator at MOC Split shall allow air and naval surveillance in the HF/UHF frequency range with data LINK 11 mode and voice mode. Monitoring and control of communication resources will be performed from the CRC centre in Podvornica and the MOC Split.

3. Contract Scope of Work Description

The overall SSSB project serial 2009/5WI39001-0 will provide to Croatia Ship-Shore-Ship interface under Capability Package 5A0063, and can be divided into the following subsystems:

- Radio Communication Subsystem
To be installed at the RX and TX centres and dedicated to the Ship-Shore-Ship communication in HF (BLOS) and in UHF (LOS) in the LINK-11 mode for the data exchange and in voice mode for the operators coordination
- Communication subsystem



Distributed subsystem dedicated to the connection between TX, RX and Command and Control Centres.

- Infrastructure subsystem:
To be installed at the radio centres to allow site operations. Civil Works are the responsibility of the Host Nation (Croatia). Minor Civil Works may be associated to CIS equipment and shall be responsibility of the CIS Prospective Contractor.

The scope of this IFB is the procurement and implementation of the Communications and Information System (CIS) of the five radio sites (Zecevo, Vis, Lastovo, Mljet and Dugi Otok) including minor associated Civil Works and the inter-sites communication system other than the landlines between Zecevo, CRC Podvornica and MOC Split.

The Command and Control system to be installed at CRC Podvornica and MOC Split are not part of the scope and will be implemented for all the radio sites for:

- Management of the radio subsystems,
- Translation of the Link 11 protocol in Link 1 and Link 11B in accordance with STANAG 5511, STATAG 5601, etc. Presentation of the Air, Surface and Subsurface tactical picture.
- Management of the VOICE Coordination of the Link 11 data link,
- Provide secure data encryption of Link 11 (COMSEC),
- Monitoring of the correct operations of infrastructure and equipment.