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Subject : **Amendment 4 to IFB-CO-13859-TRITON
Answers to Clarification Requests
Provision of Functional Services for Command and Control of Maritime
Operations (TRITON), Increment 1**

Reference(s) : A. AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition)
B. AC/4-D(2008)0002-REV1 and AC/4-D(2009)0002
C. NSIP Project Serial 2011/OIS03081
D. AC/4(PP)D/26970-ADD3
E. AC/4-DS(2016)0005
F. NCI Agency NOI NCIA/ACQ/ASG/2014/6288, dated 24 Sep 2014
G. NCI Agency NOI AMD 1 NCIA/ACQ/ASG/2015/1499, dated 29 Sep 2015
H. Issuance of IFB-CO-13859-TRITON dated 17 May 2016
I. Issuance of IFB-CO-13859-TRITON Amd. 1, dated 8 Jul 2016
J. Issuance of IFB-CO-13859-TRITON Amd. 2, dated 28 Jul 2016
K. Issuance of IFB-CO-13859-TRITON Amd. 3, dated 23 Sep 2016

Dear Sir, Madam,

1. The purpose of this Amendment 4 to IFB-CO-13859-TRITON is to provide all prospective bidders with the NCI Agency answers to additional Clarification Requests received for subject IFB.
2. The Purchaser provided clarifications are issued as Annex A to this letter and will also be made available for download via the TRITON IFB Portal at <https://ifb.ncia.nato.int>.
3. No IFB documents have been revised as part of this Amendment 4.
4. Following the receipt on Friday, 6 October 2016, of a request for extension of the Bid Closing date of IFB-CO-13859-TRITON for translation purposes, the Bid Closing date is extended in accordance with Reference A, Paragraph 10 (b) (iv) to:

Tuesday, 15 November 2016, 12:00 Hours (Brussels Time).

5. Except as provided herein, all other documents of IFB-CO-13859-TRITON remain unchanged from their original version as issued on 17 May 2016.
6. The Purchaser Point of Contact for this IFB is



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Attachments:

- A) Questions and Answers to IFB-CO-13859-TRITON, Amendment 4



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CR#46	Clarification Requests	CR#30	Further to Administration or Contractual CR#30 response and Technical CR#190 and CR#191 responses. In CR#30 response the Purchaser clarifies the SSS page and indicates an IFB modification (Yes in F column), but we couldn't find any modification in amendment 3. The only mention of SSS in the Bidding Sheets file still is cell D24 of the "Instructions" sheet. Can you please clarify?	The Purchaser believes that the clarification provided in CR#30 is clear: The Bidding Sheet Schedule of Services and Supplies page referenced in para 4.6.4.1 of the Bidding Instructions refers to tab 3 of the Bidding Sheets, "Section I CLIN Summary". The Purchaser does not believe that a re-issuance of the Bidding Sheets is required for extra clarity, hence the Purchaser response in the IFB Modification column for CR#30 is corrected as "No".	No	AMD4

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CR#27	Clarification Requests	CR#16	<p>Further to Price CR#16 response: "...Successful bidders will receive from the NCI Agency the relevant certificate required to confirm the exemption of VAT. ..."</p> <p>On another NATO project, NATO did not accept to provide a VAT exemption certificate for first tier Subcontractors. As a result, one of the first tier Subcontractors has been obliged to invoice the Contractor with VAT by the relevant National Taxes Authorities. Can you clarify if the Purchaser will provide a VAT exemption certificate for first tier Subcontractors? If not, can you clarify that first tier Subcontractors must invoice the Contractor with VAT?</p>	<p>The Purchaser confirms that he cannot issue VAT exemption certificates to sub Contractors. The Purchaser will issue VAT exemption certificates to Prime Contractors upon request from the Prime Contractor and following receipt of an invoice submitted for work under the prospective contract.</p> <p>In accordance with CR#16, the Purchaser once more draws Bidder's attention to Clause 26.4 and 26.5 of the Contract General Provisions which describe the process to address VAT issues.</p>	No	AMD4

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CR#253	Clarification Requests	CR#223	<p>Further to Technical CR#223 response. We didn't see the question of classified documentation addressed in the IFB-CO-13859-Triton amendment 3, we would like the Purchaser answer to this important matter:</p> <p>Our National Representatives to NATO do not accept to deliver NATO Classified (NS, NC, NR) documents without NCI Agency TRITON Project Manager approval to do so and also the instructions about who and the way this delivery must be performed. Can you please provide official approval and security process to the National Representatives to NATO to deliver referenced classified documents to the bidders?</p> <p>Classified documents which are referenced in the IFB Triton :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AC/35-D/1015-REV3, Guidelines for the Development of Security Requirement Statements (SRS), 31 January 2012 (NR) - AC/35-D-1021-REV3, Guidelines for the Security Approval or Security Accreditation of Communication and Information Systems (CIS), 31 January 2012 (NR) - ATP-01 Allied Maritime Tactical Instructions and Procedures (NC) - ATP-18 (G) (Navy) - Allied Submarine Operations (NC) - AHP-7 Volumes - Dormant "Q" Message Publications (NS) <p>These classified documents are mandatory to provide NCI Agency with an accurate quote and to submit a compliant bid.</p>	The Purchaser notes that NATO Security matters are a responsibility of the individual NATO Nation (through their respective National Security Authority (NSA)). As each Nation has its own national procedure or process to deal with the release of classified information, the NCI Agency has no authority to comment on such procedures or authorize release of any classified document. Hence, Bidders are required to seek guidance and advice through their national channels and the respective national delegation/mission to NATO.	No	AMD4
CR#254	Book II - Work Packages	Book II, Part IV, Annex B, 9.3.9.1	<p>MARCOM will be the only Organizational Node on which all Baselines are activated until PSA. This assessment seems to be inconsistent with Figure 7 9.3.4.5. There is no red line around MARCOM icon.</p> <p>Could you please confirm that a red circle around MARCOM picto is missing?</p>	<p>Static Site Installation will primarily be conducted at the Data Centres. Figure 7 in Work Packages shows the final situation after all installations are completed. On the other hand, Organizational Node Activation, is a process, as described in SOW Paragraph 4.13.6.7, to configure the system according to the organizational needs. MARCOM may be a temporary installation site only if the Purchaser decides to do so according to the result of the Site Survey. Otherwise, it will remain as an Organizational Node, not requiring installation. Therefore, Figure 7 is correct.</p>	No	AMD4
CR#255	Book II - SRS	Book II, Part IV, Annex A, [T1-R740]	<p>[T1-R740] TRITON Track Simulator shall allow the authorised user to select a source and then manually initiate a Simulated Track at an indicated position on the GeoView when TRITON is in Normal Mode.</p> <p>We understand that GeoView here means the TRITON Track Simulator's GeoView. Can you please confirm?</p>	<p>Requirement [T1-R740] states that simulated tracks can be created on the GeoView when TRITON is in Normal Mode. The Track Simulator is expected to be implemented as a web-based application which can be activated from AppView and then get connected to the GeoView. This capability will allow the user to inject simulated tracks into a real operational environment. As explained in SRS, the simulators must be aware of the TRITON operational mode.</p> <p>If the Training Environment is designed to have its own, separate visualisation capability, then it needs to be aligned with the TRITON GeoView (e.g. locations of tracks) as well as map. The architecture and detailed design will be finalised at SwRR and SwDR appropriately.</p>	No	AMD4
CR#256	Book II - SOW Book II - SRS	Book II, Part IV, Section 2 Book II, Part IV, Annex A, Section 2.3	<p>SOW: Bi-SC Directive 75-2 dated 2 October 2013 SRS: Bi-SC Directive 75-2 dated 18 February 2010</p> <p>Could you please confirm which version is applicable?</p>	The date of the reference in SRS is corrected as "2 October 2013".	No	AMD4
CR#257	Book II - SRS	Book II, Part IV, Annex A, [T1-R551]	The bidder understands that the Message Editor provided to the TRITON user is a basic text file editor. It is not requested that the editor be compatible with the field part of message format grammar such as ADaTP-3 or OTH-T Gold. Please confirm this assumption or clarify the first sentence of the requirement.	As stated in Requirement [T1-R551], the Message Editor should have configurable default parts (e.g. addresses, DTG, classification), the body part of a message can be prepared manually as a text, not requiring automatic formatting. It should be noted that formatted messages must be prepared with an editor having editable fields according to the format of the message (e.g. [T1-R578], [T1-R589]).	No	AMD4
CR#258	Book II - SRS	Book II, Part IV, Annex A, [T1-R577]	Can you please clarify if the intent of this requirement is a design constraint for TRITON to be able to use another parsing SW that would have been developed by another organization on another project?	That is correct.	No	AMD4
CR#259	Book II - SRS	Book II, Part IV, Annex A, [T1-R579]	The bidder understands that the Message Editor provided to the TRITON user in compliance with requirement T1-R551 will comply with T1-R579 requirement. Please confirm or clarify the purpose of this requirement.	The Message Editor is basically a text editor having configurable default parts. However, formatted message preparation function requires collecting the necessary data and placing them in the message body according to the format of the message. [T1-R579] states that the authorised user should be able to change the configuration of the fields of the message format. The details will be determined at the software design.	No	AMD4
CR#260	Book II - SOW	Book II, Part IV, 5.8.3.2	<p>The Training Plan shall be structured according to the template provided in [Bi-SC DIR 75-7] ...</p> <p>We were not able to find the Training Plan template in the [Bi-SC DIR 75-7] document. Could you please clarify?</p>	Please see CR#234.	No	AMD4