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To: All Nominated Prospective Bidders

Subject: **Clarification Request Responses Number 1 for INVITATION FOR BID for provision of a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) and Identity Management Platform (IdM) IFB-CO-14176-SOA-IDM**

Reference: A. AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition) and AC/4-D/2261-ADD2 (1996 Edition)
B. AC/4-D(2008)0002-REV1-AS1 and AC/4(2008)0002-REV2
C. NSIP Project Serial 2014/OIS03094-0
D. AC/4(PP)D/27047-ADD2
E. AC/4-DS(2015)0024
F. AC/4(PP)D/27047-ADD3
G. AC/4-DS(2017)0017
H. NCI Agency NOI NCIA/ACQ/2017/2096 dated 6 November 2017
I. IFB-CO-14176-SOA-IDM NCIA/ACQ/2018/854 dated 28 March 2018

Dear Madam/Sir,

1. Please find attached the list of Clarification Requests and responses in relation to subject IFB (Release Number 1).
2. Except as provided herein, all other terms and conditions of the IFB documents remain unchanged.
3. Please note that the SOA-IDM web site has now been set-up. Any following communication to this IFB including IFB amendments and clarifications shall be distributed solely via the SOA-IDM web site: <https://ifb.ncia.nato.int/IFB-CO-14176-SOA-IDM>. You are hereby reminded to register for access to the IFB-CO-14176-SOA-IDM provided web site.
4. The Contracting Officer responsible for this solicitation is Mr. Phil Chulick, and all Correspondence regarding this IFB should solely be addressed to Mr. Curtis Day (Consultant), who may be reached at IFB-CO-14176-SOA-IDM.Clarifications@ncia.nato.int.

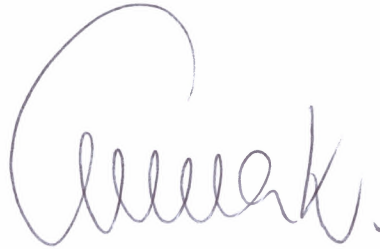


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Attachment(s):
Responses to Clarification Requests, release Number 1

Distribution List of IFB-CO-14176-SOA-IDM

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Index no. NCI Agency	IFB Source Document	IFB Paragraph Reference	Bidder's Question	NCI Agency's Response	IFB Package Amended	Release batch #
CR #1	BI	n/a	If I send a notification of a declination to bid may I later change my position?	Yes, bidders are allowed to change their position concerning bid submission prior to the bid closing date. However, once you submit a declination you will be removed from the bidders list and will not receive any additional information on the IFB. Because there is no requirement to submit a bid you can defer your decision until you have reviewed all the released information.	NO	1
CR #2	BI	Book 1, Paragraph 1.2	This is a complex IFB, will there be a Bidders Conference?	After careful consideration it was decided not to hold a bidders conference. Instead the use of detailed bidder clarification requests and their respective answers were considered the best venue to ensure a comprehensive and well documented process. However, the NCI Agency will carefully consider the organization of a bidders conference should the need arise as a result of a significant number of requests for a bidders conference.	NO	1
CR #3	BI	Book 1, Paragraph 1.2 Book 2, Part IV, Sections 1, 3 and 4	This IFB contains a tremendous amount of detail which had led to confusion in several instances, plus there are some details required to be able to submit a Firm Fixed Price Proposal which are not included or not clear. For example, there is not a lot of information on the other companies and what work they will do this contractor will have to factor in to the proposed level of effort. We think a Bidders Conference or Industry Day would go a long way to clarifying this IFB so NCI Agency will receive good proposals, so therefore we request one be held as soon as possible	After careful consideration it was decided not to hold a bidders conference. Instead the use of detailed bidder clarification requests and their respective answers were considered the best venue to ensure a comprehensive and well documented process. However, the NCI Agency will carefully consider the organization of a bidders conference should the need arise as a result of a significant number of requests for a bidders conference.	NO	1