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To : See Distribution (Appendix A)
Subject : **Notification of Intent (NOI) to Call For Bids – Provide CIS Support for ISAF Liaison Officers to ANSF Organizations**

IFB-CO-12985-OPL

Reference : A. A/4-DS(2009)0025 dated 27 Oct 2009
B. Serial 2009/5VA30554-0/9
C. AC/4-D(2007)003 dated 12 July 2007, Non-Article 5 NATO Led Operations-NSIP Procurement Regulations Framework Document

1. In accordance with Reference A, notice is hereby given of the intent of the NATO C3 Agency, as the Host Nation, to issue an Invitation for Bid (AOM ICB) in relation to the provision of CIS support for NATO forces in ISAF. The project will require implementation in ISAF at each of the remote locations and at HQ ISAF and at Afghan Ministries outside ISAF compounds.
2. This NOI provides a description for the project that will provide CIS Support to the ISAF and Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) Partnering through which HQ ISAF is supporting and accelerating the development of ANSF capabilities at all levels. HQ ISAF is moving ahead the effort to support and liaison with the ANSF in a transitional environment that will see the ANSF assume operational primacy over time.
3. The implementation of this project will require voice and data communications that allow the exchange of information between HQ ISAF elements and the respective ISAF LNOs working at the Afghan ministries outside the HQ ISAF compound.
4. The bidding procedure for this IFB will be the Alliance Operations and Missions (AOM) International Competitive Bidding (ICB).
5. National Delegations are requested to forward to the Agency a list of eligible firms in addition to those nominated in Annex A. The nominated firms must be introduced by their National Delegations with the required "Declaration of Eligibility". Requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual firms shall not be considered. The list of firms, to include Declarations of Eligibility for each firm, is requested to be submitted not later than 28 February 2010. The nominations should include the following: Name of the Firm, Mailing Address, Telephone and Fax Number, Point of contact and his/her e-mail address as a minimum.
6. The Agency will place a single contract for the entire scope of work. No partial bidding will be allowed.

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7. The release of the IFB is planned for March 2010, with an intended closing date in late April 2010. Contract award is planned for Second Quarter 2010.
8. Bidding documents are expected to be "NATO Unclassified."
9. The IFB will be identified as **IFB-CO-12985-OPL** and all correspondence concerning this solicitation should reference these numbers.
10. National authorities are requested to forward a list of their nominated firms others than those listed in Annex A and to forward all inquiries to the following address:

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Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER



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ANNEX: A – Bidders list

**Distribution List for Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for
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| Albania | 1 |
| Bulgaria | 1 |
| Canada | 1 |
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Provide CIS Support for ISAF Liaison Officers to ANSF Organizations

Summary of Requirements

Operational/Technical:

This system shall have the capability to support ISAF Liaison Officers at Afghan Ministries located in Kabul Afghanistan and at HQ ISAF. This shall require voice and data communications that support the exchange of information between HQ ISAF elements and the respective ISAF LNOs. The requirements are as follows:

- Each LNO will use a portable computer and Internet to establish connectivity to the network/server site located on the HQ ISAF compound. In addition the LNO shall use mobile voice technology.
- Establishment of a peer-to-peer network for the HQ ISAF Linguistic Cell located on HQ ISAF and associated Office automation and translation capability is also required.
- Replacement of an interim ISAF SECRET voice and data system at the Joint Planning Operations Centre (JPOC) located on the Afghan Ministry of Defence (MOD) compound.
- Establishment of Internet connectivity at the Afghan ministries where the LNOs will be based.
- The Contractor shall provide initial Operations and Maintenance training for the ISAF CIS Staff upon completion of the implementation and testing.

Current ISAF Capability:

Regarding this work, there are currently two interim systems in place:

- An interim ISAF RESTRICTED Over the INTERNET (IROI) solution in operation that was implemented by NATO Communication and Information Systems Services Agency (NCSA). This new capability is expected to take over from that system in the Kabul area.
- An ISAF SECRET voice and data capability at the JPOC located on the Afghan MOD compound.

Technical Solution:

The technical solution is composed of two parts: voice and data. The data system will use Internet connectivity and mobile computing to provide CIS capability to various static locations on the HQ compound and the respective roaming LNO. The IROI solution shall provide CIS capability to the remote ISAF LNO users. Voice will be supported through mobile telephone technology and employ authorized encryption techniques where required. Equipment and installation will be provided by the Contractor.

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The Contractor shall also implement a small isolated network to support the HQ ISAF Linguistics Cell located on the HQ ISAF compound. The Contractor shall provide and install the equipment and office automation and translation software.

The Contractor shall provide initial Operations and Maintenance training for the ISAF CIS Staff upon completion of the implementation and testing.

The system shall be able to perform in an office environment and must be reliable and available for use 24/7 when required. The system must be reliable and robust under normal office work conditions and be able to be maintained by ISAF technical staff. The system will include the scalability and sizing to add additional users if required and to communicate with other ANSF sites and various Afghan ministries.

While the solution will use NATO RESTRICTED Over the Internet (NROI) technology, the remote user's connectivity and system operation must be tested at each site and for the entire system (end-to-end testing).

Security:

The system is to be able to support data up to the ISAF RESTRICTED level and secure voice up to the level of ISAF CONFIDENTIAL. The system security will operate on up to and including ISAF SECRET for static users located on the HQ compound in Kabul and at ISAF RESTRICTED for roaming users. The system security for voice communication will operate up to and including ISAF SECRET for static users located on the HQ compound and up to and including ISAF CONFIDENTIAL for the mobile voice solution. There are no requirements to interoperate with national systems.

Final Operational Capability:

The implementation will be completed in two phases with the first stage completed by early July 2010. This will be identified as the Initial Operational Capability and will focus on the HQ ISAF work. The second phase will be identified as Final Operational Capability and focus on the remote sites. Final Operational Capability must be achieved by October 2010.