



NC3A-BE/ACQ/ASG/10/713
16 July 2010

To:	Distribution List
Subject:	AMENDMENT 1 - RFQ-CO-13079-TMCC Extension of Bid Closing Date and Response to Clarification Requests. <u>Consultancy Support Services - Convoy Tracking for ISAF Freedom of Movement.</u>
References:	Reference 1 Decision Sheet AC/4DS (2010)0010 Reference 2 Issuance of RFQ-CO-13079-TMCC dated 02 July 2010

1. The purpose of this Amendment 1 is for RFQ-CO-13079-TMCC to provide an extension of the Bid Closing Date and to respond to the three Clarification Requests received.
2. The Bid Closing Date for RFQ-CO-13079-TMCC, as stated in reference 2, is hereby cancelled and replaced by the following :

Bid Closing Date for RFQ-CO-13079-TMCC is 17 August 2010 / 10:00 Hrs Brussels, Belgium Local Time.
3. In attachment you find the three submitted Clarification Requests with all the Answers.
4. Except as provided in the paragraphs above, all other terms and conditions of the Invitation for bids remain unchanged.
5. The Point of Contact for this action is Mr. Martin Steenwege, phone no. +32-707-8335; email: martin.steenwege@nc3a.nato.int.

FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER

Yours faithfully,

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Clarification Request nr. 1 :

Did NC3A develop the Convoy Tracking Reference System in house or did NC3A contract with an outside provider /consultant to develop this system?

Answer :

NC3A developed the Convoy Tracking system in house by integrating COTS and components previously developed by outside providers and consultants are also used. The Reference system consists in one specific installation in NCSA Headquarter for system management (reference and support) purposes and it is not a production system (live) contrary to the Convoy Tracking system implementation in the ISAF area of operations.

Clarification Request nr. 2 :

What is the Stage of Development of the Convoy Tracking Reference System? Is the System complete and ready to be installed or will significant work be required to complete the System's development prior to installation? Also, will the bidders be allowed to review/test the Convoy Tracking Reference System prior to submitting their bids?

Answer :

The Convoy Tracking system is currently under development and unit testing. The system will be complete (developed, tested and documented – equipment delivered) and ready to be installed before the planned contract award date for the Convoy Tracking support services contract (this bid). All the documentation will be made available to the consultants selected for this contract. In case of delay (Medium/low probability), the consultants will be tasked within the scope of activities described in the contract in support of the Convoy Tracking project by the Project Manager (NC3A) and the System Manager (NCSA). The scope of the contract is the provision of support services in support of NC3A and NCSA activities for this project, it is not the provision of a Convoy Tracking system per say. NC3A and NCSA will take responsibility in case of problems in installing, using or supporting the Convoy Tracking system, however they will strongly rely on the consultants tasked through this contract to anticipate and/or solve such problems hence the importance of selecting individuals with the appropriate skill sets and profiles. Please also note that most of the documentation describing the Convoy Tracking system is classified NATO Restricted, hence more difficult to distribute to a large number of bidders in the framework of a competition and within timelines compatible with the urgency of the project.

Clarification Request nr. 3:

What are NC3A's long term plans for the Convoy Tracking System? Will the System be used within ISAF indefinitely or will the System eventually be replaced within 2-3 years by another system (i.e. LOG FS for example)?

Answer :

As a matter of fact, LOG FS should provide the eventual Convoy Tracking capability as it is expected that there will be one common tracking engine complemented with domain specific adds on (e.g. to achieve Convoy tracking or asset tracking). Will this be in two to three years is hard to say due to the current difficulties faced by the NSIP budget.