



Notification of Intent to Invite For Bids

NATO Communication Infrastructure (NCI) Contractor Logistics Support (CLS)

IFB-CO-115751-NCI CLS

Estimated Value: 6 MEUR/Year

Period of Performance: One Year Base Period + 5 Option Years, 12 months each

The NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency) is responsible for the in-service support of major NATO Communications and Information Systems.

The NCI Agency has a requirement to procure NATO Communication Infrastructure Contractor Logistics Support addressing the integration of logistics and service support functions for operational requirements of NCI in order to enable the availability and resiliency for hardware, software and license maintenance and support.

The NCI Agency anticipates issuing the formal Invitation For Bid (IFB) in the fourth quarter **Q4 2022**, with an anticipated bid closing date in the first quarter **Q1 2023** and contract award in the second quarter **Q2 2023**.

NCI Agency Point of Contact

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To : Distribution List

Subject : Notification of Intent to Invite for Bids for International Competitive bidding for NATO Communication Infrastructure Contractor Logistics Support

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Reference(s) : A. AC/337-D(2016)0014 dated 16 March 2016
B. BC-D(2018)0004-FINAL dated 29 January 2018

1. In accordance with References A through B, notice is hereby given of the intent of the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency), acting as Host Nation responsible of implementing the subject requirement to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the provision of NATO Communication Infrastructure Contractor Logistics Support.
2. A summary of the requirements of this Invitation for Bid (IFB) is set forth in Annex B, attached to this letter. This requirement is being refined and detailed as part of the preparation of the Invitation for Bid.
3. The reference for the Invitation for Bid is IFB-CO-115751-NCI CLS, and all correspondence concerning this IFB should reference this number.
4. For the purpose of planning, the estimated cost for the services and deliverables included within the basic scope of the intended contract is 6,000,000.00 EUR for a One Year Base Period and 6,000,000.00 EUR for each option period (12 months) when/if exercised for a total of 36,000,000.00 EUR for six years. There is no Bid Guarantee for this requirement.
5. The NCI Agency will use International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Procedures for this procurement with a bidding methodology of award to lowest price technically compliant. The successful bid pursuant to the IFB will be that bid which is the lowest price and technically compliant in accordance with the evaluation criteria prescribed in the IFB.
6. The Contract resulting from the IFB will be a single award, Firm Fixed Price (FFP) Contract for Contractor Logistics Support services required to operate and maintain the existing NCI project hardware products; as well as, software and their associated annual license used in NATO networks to enhance monitoring and management capabilities.
7. The formal IFB is anticipated to be issued in the fourth quarter **Q4 2022** with an anticipated bid closing in the first quarter **Q1 2023** and contract award by the second quarter **Q2 2023**.
8. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of six (6) months from the closing date for receipt of bids. Should the selection and award procedure exceed the Bid Closing Date by more than six (6) months, firms will be requested to voluntarily extend the validity of their bids. Bidders may decline to do so, withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
9. National responsible authorities are kindly requested that the NCI Agency be provided with Declarations of Eligibility no later than 22 August 2022 of qualified and certified firms, which are interested in bidding for this project.
10. National Authorities are advised that the IFB Package will be NATO UNCLASSIFIED.

11. The Declarations of Eligibility shall include the following information for each of the nominated firms:
 - Name of the firm and Address
 - Point of Contact
 - Telephone number
 - E-mail address
12. This information is critical to enable prompt and accurate communication with prospective Bidders and should be sent via email to the following address:

NATO Communications and Information Agency
Attention: Ms. Eva Benson, Senior Contracting Officer
E-mail: IFBCO115751NCICLS@ncia.nato.int
13. It is emphasised that requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual firms cannot be considered.
14. Any inquiries with regards to this notification should be made directly to the Contracting Officer, at the primary e-mail address IFBCO115751NCICLS@ncia.nato.int. In case of technical issues with the IFB email address, please inform the undersigned at eva.benson@ncia.nato.int
15. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ACQUISITION:



Eva Benson
Senior Contracting Officer

Attachment(s):

Annex A – (Distribution List)

Annex B – Summary of the Requirements



ANNEX A
Distribution List
NATO Communication Infrastructure Contractor Logistics Support
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ANNEX B
SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS
NATO Communication Infrastructure Contractor Logistics Support
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1. Introduction

1.1. The NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency) is responsible for the in-service support of major NATO Communications and Information Systems. NATO Communications Infrastructure (NCI) Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) service is under the management and monitoring of NATO Services and IT Infrastructure (NSII) Service Line (SL).

2. Background

2.1. NCI describes the network communication infrastructure for data and voice services, which are running over the NATO MPLS infrastructure, enabling NATO Enterprise Services.

2.2. NCI CLS shall address the integration of logistic and service support functions, in support to the operational requirements of NCI, enabling its availability and resiliency for hardware, software and license maintenance and support.

3. Scope

3.1. NCI CLS Contractor shall initiate, integrate, update, migrate and/or replace any existing support contracts and services already provided to the Purchaser for the scope of NCI, without impacting or affecting existing service operations support levels from respective vendors.

3.2. NCI CLS Contractor shall enable the capability to monitor, manage, troubleshoot, automate and optimize NCI network via the DSMS (Domain Specific Management System).

3.3. NCI CLS Contractor shall support NCI supporting resources with training, expertise and knowledge transfer and consultancy.

3.4. NCI CLS Contractor shall cover all the license requirements of the tools, embedded hardware, vendor hardware, and any other license that is required to operate the NCI network.

3.5. A high level overview of the components comprising NCI is shown below:

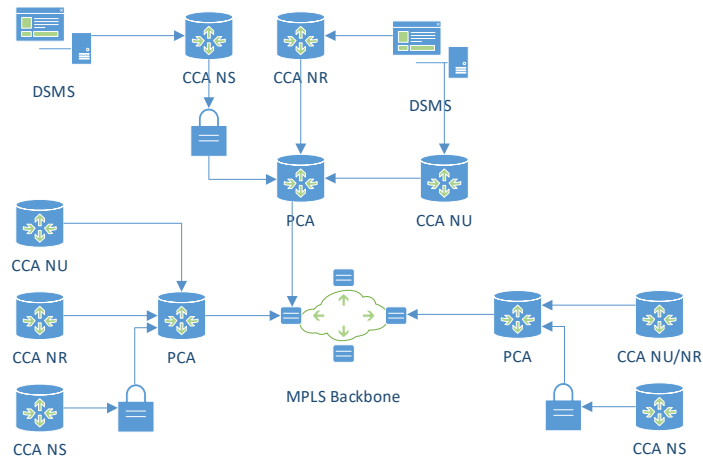


Figure 1 – NCI CLS Scope

4. EXISTING HARDWARE

The Contractor shall provide yearly Cisco SmartNet contracts, HP and Dell Support Packs and required annual license renewals (to be detailed in the SoW for support levels required) for the following items:

Brand	Type	Model	Quantity
Cisco	Router	ISR 4431	80
Cisco	Router	ISR 4441	22
Cisco	Router	ISR 4451	12
Cisco	Router	ISR 4461	12
Cisco	Router	ASR 1001	174
Cisco	Router	ASR 1002	3
Cisco	Router	ASR 1006	55
Cisco	Router	ASR 1009	9
Cisco	Router	NCS-55A2	8
Cisco	Switch	WS-C2960	278
Cisco	Switch	WS-C3850	282

Brand	Type	Model	Quantity
Cisco	Switch	WS-C9200	288
Cisco	Server	UCSC-C480-M5	18
Cisco	Firewall	ASA-5525-K9	9
Cisco	Firewall	ASA-5508-K9	61
Palo Alto	Firewall	PAN PA 3220	4
Lantime	GPS Server	M1000 GPS Server	6
HP	Server	DL360Gen10	20
HP	Storage	MSA 2052	4
HP	Backup Storage	MSA 2050	4
HP	SAN Switch	Flexfabric 5700	8
Dell	Server	R740XD	8
Dell	Laptop	210-AQPT	146

5. SOFTWARE

The Contractor shall provide yearly support contracts and annual license renewals (to be detailed in the SoW for support levels required) for the following items:

Source	Description	OEM Part Number	Quantity
VMware	VMware vCenter Server 6 Standard for vSphere 6 (Per Instance)	VCS6-STD-C	4
VMware	VMware vSphere 6 Enterprise Plus for 1 processor	VS6-EPL-C	32
VMware	VMware vSphere 6 Standard (1 CPU), 1-yr, Support Required	VMW-VSP-STD-1A	8
Red Hat	Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server, Standard (Physical Node, Embedded, Billing), 3 years	RH00241F3	8
Red Hat	Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server, Standard (Virtual Node, Embedded, Billing), 3 years	RH00243F3	84
Veeam	Veeam Backup and Replication Enterprise 1yr 8x5 Support E-LTU	R0F03AAE	40
Microsoft	SQLSvrStdCore ALNG LicSAPk MVL 2Lic CoreLic	7NQ-00302	16

Source	Description	OEM Part Number	Quantity
Microsoft	WinRmtDsktpSrvcsCAL SNGL LicSAPk OLV NL 3Y AqY1 AP DvcCAL	6VC-00979	200
Microsoft	CISSteStdCore ALNG LicSAPk MVL 2Lic CoreLic	9GA-00006	428
Cisco	Cisco Identity Services Engine VM (eDelivery)	R-ISE-VM-K9=	4
Cisco	Cisco Security Manager 4.17 Professional - 100 Device Lic	CSMPR100-4.17-K9	2
Cisco	Cisco ISE Device Admin License	L-ISE-TACACS=	2
Cisco	Cisco Identity Services Engine 25000 EndPoint Base License	L-ISE-BSE-25K=	2
Cisco	Cisco ISE Device Admin Node License	L-ISE-TACACS-ND=	1
Cisco	Cisco ISE Base License	L-ISE-BSE-PLIC	1
Cisco	Cisco ISE Base License - Sessions 250 to 499	L-ISE-BSE-P2	250
Cisco	Prime Collaboration 12.xProv,Assur,Any Lic Bundle-1 endpnt	L-PC12-PAAN-LIC	8000
Cisco	SWSS UPGRADES Prime Collaboration 12.xProv,Assur,Any L	CON-ECMU-LPC12PAN	24800
Cisco	Prime Collaboration Provisioning 12 Lic Bundle expansion	L-PC12-PR-BUN-PAK	8000
Cisco	Prime Collaboration Assurance 12 Lic Bundle expansion	L-PC12-AS-BUN	8000
Cisco	Prime Collaboration Analytics 12 Lic Bundle expansion	L-PC12-AN-BUN	8000
Cisco	Prime Collaboration 12.1 Assurance Software and base Lic	R-PC12.1-ASSW-K9=	2
Cisco	SWSS UPGRADES Prime Collaboration 12.1 Assurance Softw	CON-ECMU-RPCAS121	6
Cisco	Prime Collaboration 12.6 Provisioning SW and BASE SL upgrade	R-PC12.6-PRSSU-K9=	2
Cisco	SWSS UPGRADES Prime Collaboration 12.6 Provisioning SW	CON-ECMU-RPC126K9	6
Cisco	Cisco Security Manager 4.17 Professional - 100 Device Lic	CSMPR100-4.17-K9	1
Cisco	SW APP SUPP Cisco Security Manager 4.17 Professional	CON-SAS-CSMPR100	3
Microfocus	Microfocus Quality Center Enterprise Edition Global License 1 Concurrent User	T6482AAE	10

Source	Description	OEM Part Number	Quantity
Microfocus	Microfocus Business Support 1M Updates 12 Months ESD	SUAA000	31
Microfocus	Microfocus Business Support 1M Standard Technical Support 12 Months ESD	SUAA001	31
Broadcom	CA Spectrum Device Based Suite	SPDVCP990	1800
Broadcom	CA Performance Management	CAPERF990	1800
Broadcom	CA Network Flow Analysis	RPTANL990	1800
Broadcom	CA Service Management SDM Package	SMSDMP990	365
Broadcom	CA Process Automation Standard License	ITPASL990	1
Entrust	Entrust Entelligence User ID for client post Certificates		1000
Entrust	Entrust Authority Administration Services		4
Entrust	Entrust Authority Security Manager		1
Entrust	ENTRUST ENTELLIGENCE DEVICE ID	EE-DV-ID	1
Entrust	ENTRUST AUTHORITY SILVER SUPPORT	SUP-AUTH-SILVER	3