



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANIZATION  
CENTRE FOR MARITIME RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION



TO: BC's Distribution List for Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) Procedure.

DATE: 07 September 2017

SUBJECT: Notification of Intent (NOI) to issue an Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) for the Provision of Backup Systems to STO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE).

1. In accordance with the stipulations of the NATO Financial Regulations and art. 8.2.2 of the NATO IS Procurement Manual adopted by the STO CMRE Procurement Procedures - the following information is provided in conjunction with the anticipated issuance of Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) package no. CMRE 17-013:

IFIB Reference: **IFIB CMRE-17-013**

Title of IFIB: Backup Systems.

Requirement: *CMRE requires an enterprise-grade data storage and backup system. Storage is being standardized on all networks and a suitable backup solution that can scale to cover the big data holdings produced by CMRE need to be implemented. The requirement is for a Dell-EMC2 turnkey scalable backup solution, with integration with the existing Cisco/Dell-EMC2 Data Centre, VMWare virtualized environment, and EMC2 storage systems already in use.*

Type of Contract: Firm Fixed Price (FFP).

Bidding Procedure: Sealed bid (no negotiations).

Award Method: Lowest Priced Technically Acceptable (LPTA) bid.

Classification: NATO Unclassified

IFIB Issue Date: 11-15 Sep 2017 (TBC)

IFIB Closing Date: 13 Oct 2017 (TBC)

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Eligibility: Solicitation is open to all governmental and/or commercial entities that originate or are chartered/incorporated within NATO-member nations.

Delivery/Performance  
Location(s): CMRE in La Spezia, Italy.

Partial bidding: Partial Bidding and multiple awards are possible and foreseen.

Website: <http://www.cmre.nato.int/procurement/open-solicitations>

2. This Centre will directly email the IFIB documents to all interested bidders, as well as post it on the CMRE's website to make it available for download. You are hereby invited to nominate, **by email (preferred)** or facsimile the names, full address, point of contact, telephone, facsimile number and e-mail address of potential qualified bidders established within your country. Nomination will be received until **25 Sep 2017, COB**. This and any other correspondence hereto is to be addressed to:

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Respectfully,

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