



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANIZATION  
CENTRE FOR MARITIME RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION



TO: NATO Delegations  
Attn. Secretaries of Delegations

CC: STO FC

FROM: Head Finance and Contracts

DATE: 22 September 2022

SUBJECT: Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) no. CMRE 22-007 for the Provision of IT Professional Support Services to NATO STO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE), in La Spezia - Italy

Ref.: A. FC(2017)103-REV1 - NATO IS Procurement Manual

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article XXXII of the NATO Financial Regulations and Financial Rules and Procedures, we are pleased to inform you that CMRE intends to issue the Invitation for Bids (IFB) stated above in the upcoming months.
2. This procurement action will follow the Formal Procurement procedure specified in Reference A, adopted by the STO CMRE Procurement Procedures.

IFIB Reference: **CMRE-22-007**

Title of IFIB: IT Professional Support Services to STO CMRE.

Requirement: The Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE) is an executive body of the Science and Technology Organization (STO). The CMRE organizes and conducts scientific research and technology development and delivers innovative field-tested science and technology solutions to address the defence and security needs of the Alliance. Within the CMRE Engineering and Information technology Division (EITD), the Information Technology Department (IT) supports the execution of the programme of work (POW) through the conception, design, development and construction of state of the art technologies and (software) services in the field of computing, networking and modelling & simulation (M&S), ensuring interoperability, security and compliance with relevant NATO policies and regulations. CMRE is soliciting Contractor support to meet demands for specialist technical assistance in the field of Scientific Information Systems, which exceed manpower assigned levels and scope. Application areas are centered on customer-funded projects as per the approved Centre's POW, and may extend to the operation of shared

infrastructures used to deliver Centre output. The precise number of professionals and the profiles required will be detailed in the solicitation document.

Type of Contract: CMRE intends to award multiple Basic Ordering Agreements (BOAs) against which issue separate Firm Fixed Price (FFP), level of effort - Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) task orders based on pre-agreed hourly rates

Period of Performance: BOAs validity period January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 - Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. Four additional option years are envisioned each of 12 months starting on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Specific performance periods will be stated in the task orders.

Bidding Procedure: Sealed bid (no negotiations).

Award Method: Multiple awards based on Lowest Priced Technically Acceptable (LPTA) bids.

Funding: Estimated annual amount is 740K Euro.  
Estimated cumulative amount over the five years period is approx. 3.7M Euro.

Classification: The solicitation and the contract documents are not classified. Possible access to information classified NC or above is envisioned during performance of the services and only at CMRE's premises (no access to classified information is envisioned during the tendering process). Contractor personnel (including any type of freelance personnel or self-employed service providers) who will be performing services under the contracts/agreements awarded as a result of this solicitation requiring access to information classified NC or above shall hold PSCs at the requisite level and, if required by national laws and regulations, an appropriate FSC – by service performance start (i.e. Jan 2023).

IFIB Issue Date: September 2022 (TBC)

IFIB Closing Date: October 2022 (TBC)

Eligibility: Solicitation is open to all governmental and/or commercial entities that originate or are chartered/incorporated within NATO-member nations. Contractor personnel performing services under the contract must be citizens of a NATO nation.

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>

3. You are hereby invited to nominate via email **by 10 October 2022 COB** the names, full address, point of contact, telephone, and e-mail address of potential qualified bidders established within your country.

4. CMRE Contracting staff will email the IFIB documents to all interested prospective bidders, as well as post them on the CMRE's website to make it available for download. This and any other correspondence hereto is to be addressed to:

**STO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE)**

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Respectfully,

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