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REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
 MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
 ANKARA-TÜRKİYE

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT
Regarding
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

**REORGANISATION OF SHIP-SHORE-SHIP BUFFER (SSSB) CAPABILITY INCLUDING
 ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN TÜRKİYE**

- Ref: a. NATO AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition)
 b. AC/4-DS(2019)0015 (INV), 12 September 2019

1. Turkish SSSB (SSSB TÜR) project is to restore and modernize the existing SSSB capability including reliability in NATO area of responsibility-coverage and shall be carried out in eight (8) Radio Site/Buffer Center (RS/BC).
2. SSSB TÜR Project is mainly a Communications and Information System (CIS) procurement, implementation/installation and testing for a SSSB system in Türkiye. The project also requires some associated Civil Works (CW) at sites. It also includes support from NCI Agency (NATO Communication and Information Agency-NCIA) in the commissioning of the complete SSSB System.
3. **Method of Bidding:** International Competitive Bidding (ICB)
4. **Bidding Information:**
 - a. Türkiye is the Host Nation for the project and has the responsibility for the execution of the overall program. MoND (Ministry of National Defense)-Türkiye (Purchaser, Administration) has been authorized to act as Technical and Procurement Agent on behalf of the Host Nation and is vested with the acquisition authority to conduct the International Competitive Bidding Procedure (ICB), and to award and administer the resulting contract.
 - b. MoND Türkiye acting as Host Nation in accordance with Paragraph 6 of Reference A, intends to invite bids to SSSB TÜR Project. Release of this IFB is subject to prior authorization from the NATO Investment Committee, currently envisaged for Q3 2023 as a result of the revision of Reference B.
 - c. An overview of the requirements for this IFB are summarized in Annex hereto.
 - d. The estimated investment cost for the services and deliverables included within scope of the intended Contract is estimated at € 20.000.000.
 - e. Award of the resulting Contract will be made on a turn-key and a firm fixed price basis and its expected duration is approximately 36 months. It is planned to place a single Contract with one Contractor. No partial bidding shall be allowed.
 - f. Pursuant to the International Invitation for Bid (IFB) issued in accordance with NATO AC/4-D/2261 (1996 Edition) procedures; After it is determined according to the evaluation criteria that it complies with the IFB requirements in administrative and technical terms, a contract will be made with the Bidder that offers the lowest evaluated price.
 - g. IFB has been organized in English and Turkish. In case of incompatibility; the Turkish articles of IFB on administrative and financial issues and the English articles of IFB on technical issues will prevail. The language requirement is also valid for the Bid itself, and the Bids shall be given as such. All written and verbal communication in connection with this IFB shall be conducted in English or in Turkish.
 - h. The IFB is planned to be issued by end of September 2023, with a Bid Closing Date in Q4 2023, and an anticipated Contract Award in Q1 2024. A Bidders Conference and Site Surveys are going to be planned and organizational details including dates and agenda of the activities shall be provided later, by Purchaser. Contract Award is subject to funding priority and availability as determined by the NATO Investment Committee. The Purchaser reserves the right to amend these dates at their discretion.

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- i. Pursuant to Paragraph 6 of Reference A, National Representatives are kindly requested that the MoND Türkiye be provided with a Declaration of Eligibility, not later than 04/08/2023, of qualified and certified firms, which are interested in bidding for this project. It is emphasized that requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual firms cannot be considered. The certifications required under this NOI, the Declarations of Eligibility shall include the following information for each of the nominated firms: name of the firm, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and Point of Contact. This information is critical to enable smooth communication with prospective Bidders and should be sent to the following address.
- j. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of three hundred (300) days from closing date for receipt of bids, supported by a Bid Guarantee not less than %3 of Bid Amount. The validity period of the Bid Guarantee shall be of the same duration as the Bid Validity. If the bid closing date is extended after a Bidder's financial institution has issued a bid guarantee, it is the obligation of the Bidder to have such bid guarantee (and confirmation, as applicable) extended to reflect the revised bid validity date occasioned by such extension.
- k. The reference for the IFB is IFB-2023/OCM03072-10 and all correspondence concerning this IFB should reference this number.

Responsible Agency (where to submit requests to participate and Declaration of eligibility)
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5. **The Reference Number of NATO Document:**
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6. **The Type of Classified Information and security classifications. :**

The Contractor's associated personnel (i.e: Project Manager, Technical Manager) working at HN premises/sites who are entering a Class II area or equivalent (meaning they have access to classified systems or information) shall hold a Personal Security Clearance (PSC) of at least "NATO SECRET" level. The resulting Contract will require the prospective Contractor to handle, process and store material classified up to and including "NATO SECRET", at NATO and HN TÜR facilities. Only companies maintaining appropriate personnel and facility clearances will be able to perform the resulting Contract. Bidders are to note that Contract award will not be delayed in order to allow to obtain missing clearances.

7. **Tendering Schedule:**

- a. Planned tender release estimated date: in Q3 2023
- b. Intended closing date for bids: in Q4 2023
- c. Validity Period of bids: min. 300 days from bid closing date
- d. Estimated Date of Contract Award: in Q1 2024

8. **Implementation Schedule:**

Estimated Date of Start (EDS) in 2024
Estimated Date of Completion (EDC) in 2027

Your contribution in this procurement is appreciated.

ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

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ANNEX**PROJECT SERIAL 2015/0CM03072-10****1. Background**

The SSSB system is a real-time digital link buffer system supporting the exchange of tactical information between the NATO Air Defense Ground Environment (NADGE) system, Airborne Early Warning (AEW) systems and Air Forces/Naval Forces through the use of NATO standardized Tactical Data Link (TDL) Link-22.

The main purpose of this project is to modernize/reorganize Türkiye SSSB system within the framework of NATO requirements. The integration of Radio Sites (RSs) with Buffer Centers (BC) will enable air and maritime surveillance in the Mediterranean and Black Seas up to 300 nm in the HF frequency range, up to 28 NM Ground-to-Ground and 150 NM Ground-to-Air in the UHF spectrum in Link-22 and Voice mode.

2. Operational Objective

This reorganization of SSSB project will cover;

- a. Restoring the original capability including communication equipment and simplify the system architecture,
- b. Reorganize the Buffer Centre (BC)s and Radio Site (RS)s,
- c. Implement a Service Management and Control Target Architecture,
- d. Enlarge the overall coverage of the services to NATO Integrated Air Defense System (NATINADS) area of responsibility,
- e. Provide Link 22 capability,
- f. Implement IP-based intra-site/inter sites communication services.

3. Contract Scope of Work Description

a. Turkish SSSB (SSSB TÜR) project is to restore and modernize the existing SSSB capability including reliability in NATO area of responsibility-coverage and shall be carried out in eight (8) Radio Site/Buffer Center (RS/BC).

b. SSSB TÜR Project is mainly a Communications and Information System (CIS) procurement, implementation/installation and testing for a SSSB system in Türkiye. The project also requires some associated Civil Works (CW) at sites. It also includes support from NCI Agency (NATO Communication and Information Agency- NCIA) in the commissioning of the complete SSSB System.

c. The overall responsibility of the implementation of the SSSB-TÜR system lays with the MoND Türkiye (The Purchaser) by support and assistance of NCI Agency as Implementation Management Authority. The activities included in the scope of the project are listed below.

- (1) Reorganizations of SSSB sites (RS/BC),
- (2) Modernization of inter/intra-site communication system infrastructures based on TCP/IP and ROIP/VOIP technologies,
- (3) Implementation of Open System Communication Control (OSCC) system to provide standard common design and operator interface to monitor and control SSSB communication equipment,
- (4) Simplification of the design by reducing the overall design complexity to meet operational requirements,
- (5) Replacement of the obsolete equipment; antennas, radios, etc.
- (6) Renewal/provision of new data link modems, crypto devices and TOD (time of day) deployment to support Link 22 under TDL (tactical data link) requirements.

