



BGX-FMO-D-2024-0199-NU

5 April 2024

Notification of Intent to Invite Bids

Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

Procurement of COTS IT Hardware and associated Support – Backup Equipment

BGX Reference: IFB-CO-2024-01-NBS

Not to Exceed ceiling amount of:	EUR 1,000,000
NOI Closing Date:	22 Apr 2024
Solicitation Release Date:	Anticipated 29 Apr 2024
Solicitation Closing Date:	Anticipated 21 May 2024
Contract Award Date:	Anticipated on 3 Jun 2024
Competition Type:	ICB Lowest Priced Technically Compliant

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Annexes:

- A. Summary of Requirements
- B. Distribution List



To : Distribution List

Subject : **Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for the Procurement of COTS IT Hardware and Associated Support- Backup Equipment**

References :

1. Notice hereby is given of the intent of the BICES Group Executive (BGX) to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the procurement of equipment for the New Back-up System (NBS), hereafter referred to as the "Project".
2. A high-level summary of the technical requirements is set forth in Annex A hereto. These requirements are being refined and will be included in further details as part of the IFB.
3. The reference for this requirement is IFB-CO-2024-01-NBS, and all correspondence concerning this NOI and subsequent IFB should reference this number.
4. The BICES Group Executive plans to issue an IFB using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Procedure for Lowest Priced Technically Compliant (LPTC) evaluations. A single, firm-fixed price contract is planned for the entire scope of work.
5. Eligibility to participate in the subsequent IFB is declared by national authorities. Hence, qualified and certified companies interested in receiving an IFB for this Project are hereby requested to provide a Declaration of Eligibility (DoE), sent by their Delegation/Mission to the BICES Group Executive contracting authority not later than 22 Apr 2024, which is 17 calendar days after the date of this letter.
 - a) The DoE should include the following information for each of the nominated companies:
 - Company name
 - Company Address
 - Point of Contact (POC)
 - PoC email address
 - PoC telephone number
 - b) This information is critical to enable prompt and accurate communication with prospective bidders and should be sent electronically to procurement@bices.org



6. In order to maximize competition, the BICES Group Executive (BGX) may, at its discretion, accept nominations after the deadline, so long as the IFB has not been issued. The BGX may even accept, at its discretion, nominations after the IFB has been issued under the condition that such late nomination will not be used as the basis to request an extension to the bid closing date.
7. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of 6 months from bid closing date. Should the selection and award procedure exceed the bid closing date by more than 6 months, companies will be requested to voluntarily extend the validity of their bids accordingly. Bidders may decline to do so, withdraw their bid and excuse themselves from the bidding process without penalty.
8. National authorities are advised that the IFB package is anticipated to be NATO UNCLASSIFIED.
9. The BICES Group Executive (BGX) is not liable for any expenses incurred by companies in conjunction with their responses to this NOI and such responses shall not be regarded as a commitment of any kind concerning future procurement of the items or services described herein.
10. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

[Signature on file]

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BGX Acquisition



ANNEX A – Summary of Requirements

1. Project Objective

The BICES Group Executive plans to improve and modernize the IT infrastructure of its New Backup System (NBS) in fulfillment of the BGX Strategic goals and enabling objectives.

Assessment of the requirements has resulted in the identification of the Hardware and Software needed for this procurement activity in compliancy with the approved NBS Architecture and design.

2. Scope of Work

In accordance with the NBS Architecture and design, the NBS will back up all data sources using snapshot, copy and replication features provided by the Centralized Storage.

The New Backup System (NBS) will consist of:

- Backup disk storage
- Backup Tape storage
- Backup software
- Backup network

The backup disk storage will replicate operational storage. The tape storage will be a centralized tape library. The Commvault backup software will be responsible to orchestrate backup and restore operations

The Backup network will use already in-place network devices, therefore NBS hardware components must be able to connect to them.