

## Notification of Intent to Invite Bids

*Method: International Competitive Bidding (ICB)*

### Acquisition and Installation of Link 22 Tactical Data Link (TDL) Test Capability at NATO SWACR Ranges

**NCIA Reference #: IFB-CO-423300-SSSB**

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**Estimated Amount:** 4.1 MEUR

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**NOI Closing Date:** 10 January 2025

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**Solicitation Release Date:** Planned for 2025 Quarter 2

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**Solicitation Closing Date:** Planned for 2025 Quarter 2

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**Contract Award Date:** Planned for 2025 Quarter 3

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**Competition Type:** ICB Lowest Priced Technically Compliant

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The NCIA hereby notifies the NATO Nations of its intent to invite bids for the procurement, assembly, integration and installation of commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) hardware, and site adaptation for project "Acquisition and Installation of Link 22 Tactical Data Link (TDL) Test Capability at NATO Sensors and Weapons Accuracy Check Ranges (SWACR)". This project will replace the Link 11 test string that will become obsolete with the sunset of Link 11, at the 3 Test Ranges, in the United States of America (1 site), Greece (1 site), and Norway (1 site).

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*Attention Suppliers,*

*The NCIA is stepping into a new era of procurement. We have launched an eProcurement tool, Neo, to make our collaborations smoother, faster, and more transparent. If you are keen to do business with us, you will need to register in [Neo](#). This tool will offer suppliers visibility into past, current and upcoming business opportunities, and streamlines the competition cycles, contract awards, and account management.*

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**Annexes:**

- A. Summary of Requirements
- B. Distribution List

**To** : Distribution List

**Subject** : **Notification of Intent to Invite Bids for Acquisition and Installation of Link 22 Tactical Data Link (TDL) Test Capability at NATO SWACR Ranges**

**References** :     **A.** AC/4(PP)D/28667

**B.** AC/4-2261 (1996 Edition)

**C.** C-M(2002)49 – NATO Security Policy

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1. In accordance with References A through C, the NCIA, as the Host Nation responsible to implement the project in subject, hereby gives notice of its intent (NOI) to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Acquisition and Installation of Link 22 Tactical Data Link (TDL) Test Capability at NATO SWACR Ranges, hereafter referred to as the "Project".
  2. A high-level summary of the Project's 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 Project is IFB-CO-423300-SSSB, and all correspondence concerning this NOI and subsequent IFB should reference this number.
  4. The NCIA 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 the IFB for this Project are hereby requested to provide a Declaration of Eligibility (DoE), sent by their Delegation/Mission to NATO to the NCIA contracting authority not later than 10 January 2025.
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    - a. In addition to the certification of the company's security clearances required under this NOI, 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 IFB-CO-423300-

SSSB@ncia.nato.int.

7. In order to maximize competition the NCI Agency may, at its discretion, accept nominations after the deadline, so long as the IFB has not been issued. The NCIA 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.
8. Requests for participation in this competition received directly from individual companies will not be considered.
9. Bidders will be required to declare a bid validity of 12 months from bid closing date. Should the selection and award procedure exceed the bid closing date by more than 12 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.
10. National authorities are advised that the IFB package is anticipated to be NATO UNCLASSIFIED. However, the IFB and the contractual documents could contain references to other NATO documents classified as NATO RESTRICTED.
11. The successful bidder could be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO RESTRICTED. In addition, execution of the proposed Contract will require unescorted access and work of Contractor personnel at NATO Class II security areas and in accordance with Reference C, personnel of the winning bidder will be required to hold individual security clearances of NATO SECRET. Only companies maintaining appropriate personnel clearances will be able to perform the resulting Contract. Bidders are to note that Contract award will not be delayed in order to allow Contractor personnel to obtain missing clearances.
12. The NCIA reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or withdraw this NOI at its own discretion and at any time. The NCIA 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.
13. Your assistance in this procurement is greatly appreciated.

**For the Chief of Acquisition:**

*[Original Signed By]*

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## **Annex A – Summary of Requirements**

**Project No. 2023 / OCM03995, OCM03996, OCM03997**

### **1. Background**

NATO Sensors and Weapons Accuracy Check Range (SWACR) consists of 3 Test Ranges that have been in operation since 1978. NATO SWACR provides instrumented maritime Test Ranges in Greece, Norway and at the United States Atlantic Undersea Test And Evaluation Centre (US AUTECH).

The Test Ranges provide accuracy checks of Naval sensor systems to ensure effective operational assurance of the future Link 22 TDL capability in all Alliance maritime units (ships, submarines and maritime aircraft (i.e. helicopters, maritime patrol aircraft etc.)).

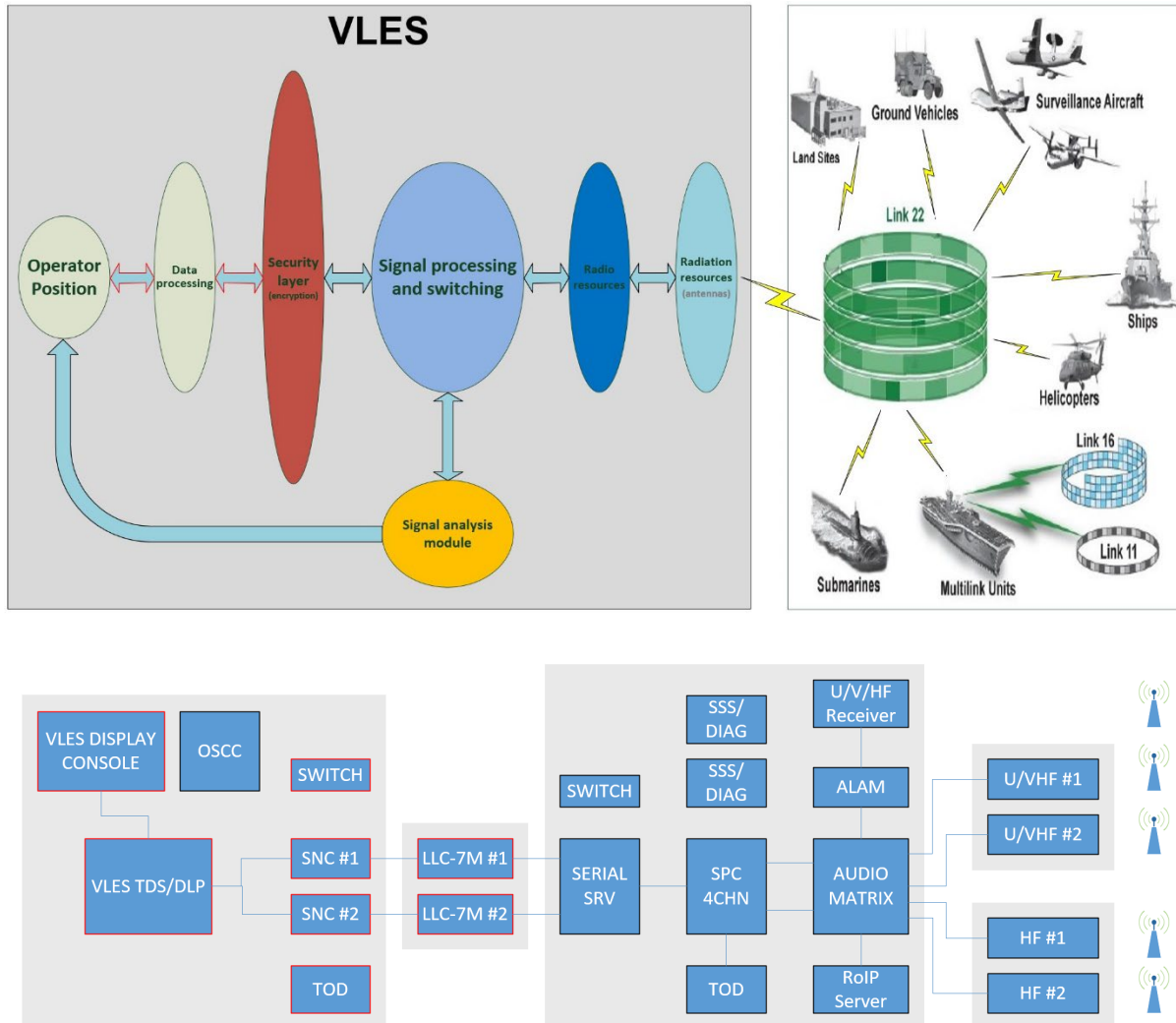
Interoperability is essential among the NATO naval units in order to establish confidence that target locations can be accurately passed from sensors to weapon systems and to other NATO combatants.

The Link 22 tactical data link system is replacing the obsolete Link 11 that will soon be redundant and no longer available for use by maritime task groups. The subject system will provide a similar test capability to the existing Link 11 systems currently employed at the Ranges.

### **2. Project Objective**

This project will provide a Link 22 TDL test capability to check that the data transfer functions correctly and provides a similar level of capability to the existing Link 11 TDL test capability which following its sunset in December 2024 shall become redundant and no longer available for NATO operational usage.

The proposed solution can be found in the drawings below and is named the “Versatile Link Evaluation System (VLES)”.



### 3. Scope of Work

The scope of the project is to procure, assemble, integrate and install commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) hardware, except the crypto device LLC-7M, at the 3 Test Ranges, and perform site preparation for the antennas.

### 4. Period of Performance

The Period of Performance is anticipated to start in 2025 Quarter 3 and end in 2028 Quarter 4. It is important to note that this timeline represents the anticipated duration of the Project, and adjustments may be made as per the requirements of the solicitation process and subsequent contractual agreement.

## Annex B – Distribution List

### NATO Delegations:

Albania	Greece	Poland
Belgium	Hungary	Portugal
Bulgaria	Iceland	Romania
Canada	Italy	Slovakia
Croatia	Latvia	Slovenia
Czechia	Lithuania	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
Estonia	Montenegro	The Republic of Türkiye
France	Netherlands	The United Kingdom
Finland	North Macedonia	The United States
Germany	Norway	

### Embassies in Brussels (Attn: Commercial Attaché):

Albania	Greece	Poland
Belgium	Hungary	Portugal
Bulgaria	Iceland	Romania
Canada	Italy	Slovakia
Croatia	Latvia	Slovenia
Czechia	Lithuania	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
Estonia	Montenegro	The Republic of Türkiye
France	Netherlands	The United Kingdom
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