Acquisition Office
NCIA/ACQ/2026/16894

NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA)

AMENDMENT 1 TO NOTIFICATION OF PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY (NPO)

Pre-Solicitation Notice
NATO Competitive Procurement

Acquisition and Installation of Link 22 Tactical Data Link (TDL) Test Capability at NATO Sensors and Weapons Accuracy Check Ranges (SWACR)

NCIA Reference #: IFB-CO-423300-SSSB

Date of NPO Publication: 12 November 2026
Deadline for DoE Submission: 02 December 2026

Anticipated Solicitation Release Date: 17 December 2026
Anticipated Solicitation Closing Date: 23 February 2027
Anticipated Contract Award Date: 15 April 2027

Rough Order of Magnitude[1]: 4.1 MEUR

Point of Contact: Elena Iftimie-Paraschiv, Senior Contracting Assistant
IFB-CO-423300-SSSB@ncia.nato.int

Elena Iftimie-Paraschiv
Digitally signed by Elena Iftimie-Paraschiv
Date: 2026.11.12 14:47:50 +01'00'

[1] This Rough Order of Magnitude is informational only and reflects NCIA's estimate. Actual contract value may vary based on competitive submissions.

NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA)

Acquisition Office
NCIA/ACQ/2026/16894

Reference(s): A. Issuance of Notification of Intent to Invite Bids (NOI) "NCIA/ACQ/2024/07533" dated 29 November 2024
B. C-M(2002)49 – NATO Security Policy

Introduction

The purpose of this NPO Amendment 1 is to update the anticipated schedule and renew the notification of this Procurement Opportunity in accordance with the Procedure for NATO Competitive Procurement (link) and the NOI in Reference A. This notification is issued to foster open and fair competition among eligible vendors from participating nations. This notification does not constitute a commitment to award a contract.

Vendors are invited to review the requirements described herein and to submit their bids in accordance with the instructions provided in the subsequent solicitation documentation. All interested vendors are reminded that timely registration and compliance with eligibility requirements are essential, as deadlines for submission may not be extended. Vendors are advised to regularly check for updates to this notification.

This opportunity reflects NATO's commitment to transparency, equal treatment of suppliers, and the efficient delivery of goods, works, and services in support of NATO missions and participating nations.

All eligible and responsible sources may submit a quotation, bid, or proposal, which shall be considered by the NCIA.

1. Title of Procurement Opportunity

Acquisition and Installation of Link 22 Tactical Data Link (TDL) Test Capability at NATO Sensors and Weapons Accuracy Check Ranges (SWACR).

2. Description of Requirement

a. 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 AUTEC).

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.

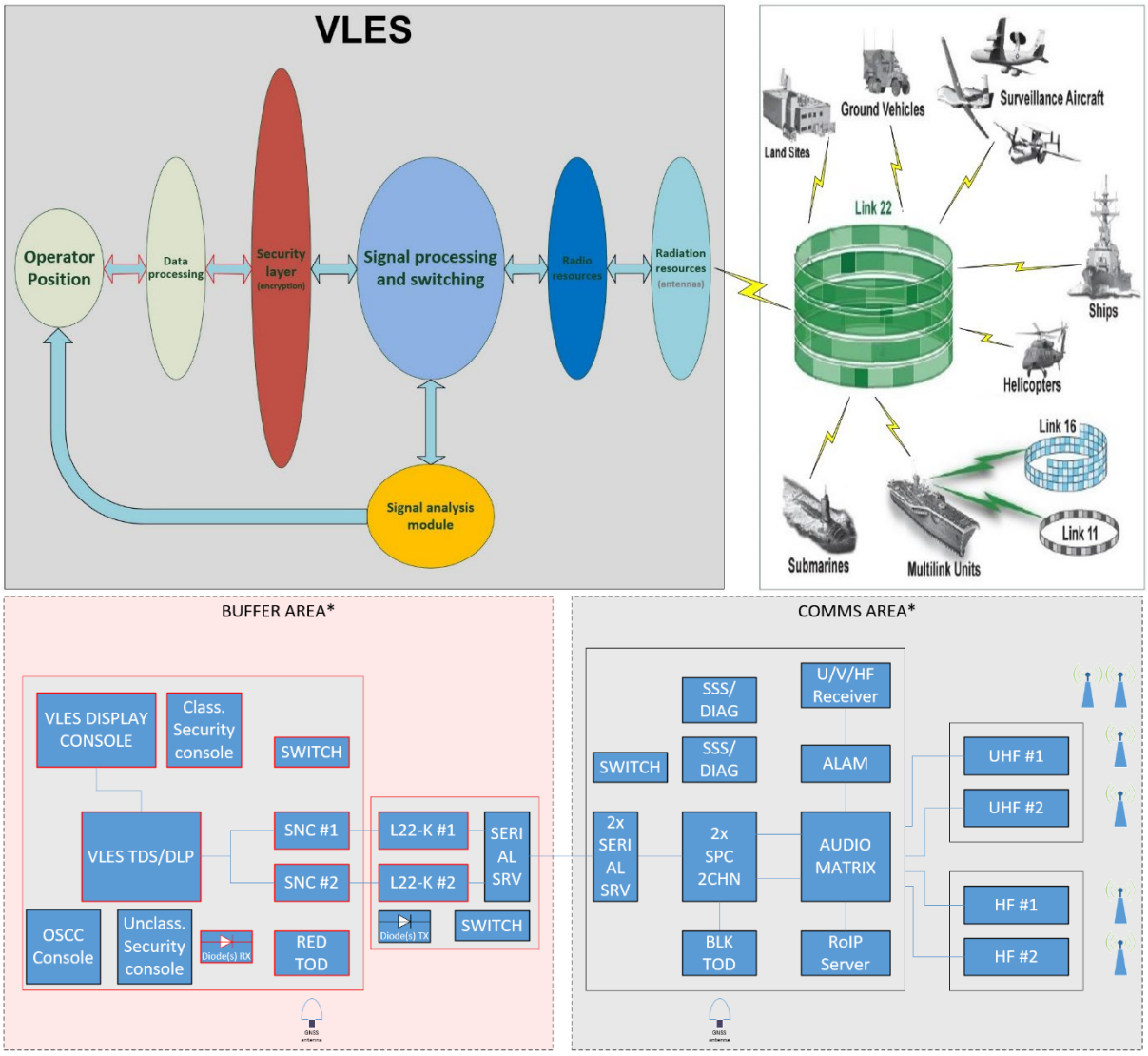
The transition from Link 11 to Link 22 creates a requirement for a dedicated Link 22 test capability at the ranges. The system will support the testing and evaluation of Link 22 tactical data exchange.

b. Project Objective

This project will deliver and install a Link 22 TDL test capability at NATO SWACR

to verify the correct transfer of tactical data and evaluate Link 22 functionality against the specified technical and operational requirements.

The proposed system is designated the “Versatile Link Evaluation System (VLES)” and is illustrated in the drawings below



c. 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 facilities, and perform site preparation for the antennas.

d. Period of Performance

The Period of Performance is anticipated to start in Q2 2027 and end in Q3 2031. 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.

3. Vendor Eligibility

a. Participation in this Procurement Opportunity is restricted to vendors from participating NATO nations.

b. This restriction applies to the eligibility of the vendors only and does not require that the goods, works, or services themselves be manufactured or produced within participating nations.

4. Access to Solicitation Documentation

a. Interested vendors may participate to and access the solicitation documentation for this Procurement Opportunity as of the Anticipated Solicitation Release Date as follows:

i. Vendors must obtain a valid Declaration of Eligibility (DoE) through their National Authorities in order to be included in the Bidder's List and to participate should the solicitation be issued.

ii. A template of the DoE is provided in Enclosure 1 to this NPO for reference and completion.

iii. The prospective Bidder is responsible for arranging for their National Authority to complete the form. The signed DoE must be transmitted directly by the National Authority to the Point of Contact (PoC) identified in this NPO.

iv. The DoE must be received by NCIA's PoC not later than 2 December 2026, which is 20 calendar days after the date of this NPO.

v. Prospective Bidders are advised to initiate this process early, as NCIA cannot request or obtain a DoE on behalf of a prospective Bidder. Failure to ensure that a valid DoE has been received by the PoC may result in exclusion from the solicitation process.

5. Security Requirements

a. This opportunity is classified as NATO UNCLASSIFIED (NU) and interested vendors are required to meet the above-mentioned security level. However, the IFB and the contractual documents could contain references to other NATO documents classified as NATO RΞSTRICTΞD.

b. The successful Bidder may be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO RΞSTRICTΞD. In addition, execution of the prospective Contract will require unescorted access and work of Contractor personnel at NATO Class II security areas and in accordance with Reference B, personnel of the winning Bidder will be required to hold individual security clearances of NATO SΞCRΞT. 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.

6. Language of Solicitation and Bid Submission

a. Solicitation Documentation and Proposal Submission Language(s): English

7. **Additional Engagement Opportunities**

   a. The NCIA may organize the following engagement activities:

      i. **Pre-Bid Conference:** Online | Currently planned for 15 February 2027

      ii. **Site Visits:** Currently planned for 1-11 February 2027 in Greece, Norway, and The Unites States

8. **The NCIA notes that the schedule outlined above is strictly indicative and does not constitute a definitive timeline.**

Enclosures:
Enclosure 1 - Declaration of Eligibility for NATO Competitive Procurement
Enclosure 2 - Distribution List

End of Notification

NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA)

Acquisition Office
NCIA/ACQ/2026/16894

Date:

Enclosure 1. Declaration of Eligibility for NATO Competitive Procurement[2]

To: NCIA Procurement Authority

Subject: Declaration of Eligibility for NATO Competitive Procurement

Reference: Solicitation Number: IFB-CO-423300-SSSB

This Declaration of Eligibility (DoE) must be read in conjunction with the Notice of Procurement Opportunity (NPO), or other applicable solicitation document, which may include opportunity-specific or additional DoE requirements.

1. With reference to the above-mentioned NATO Competitive Procurement (NCP) opportunity, the following Country of Origin vendor has expressed an interest in receiving the solicitation document:

a. Vendor Name: .....

b. Address: .....

c. Point of Contact/Title: Mr./Ms.: .....

d. Email Address: .....

e. Phone #: .....

2. I certify that this vendor has the necessary financial, technical and professional competence to be admitted by the Government of Country of Origin as a Bidder were it responsible for awarding a contract of this nature. The vendor listed above is eligible to initiate the process required to be security cleared to up to NATO Security Classification .

_____

Signature

Name of National Responsible Authority

.....

Country of Origin

.....

[2] The DoE should be substantially similar to this sample. Prospective Bidders should provide the relevant information about their company to their National Authority.

Enclosure 2. Distribution List

Internal:
CAB Mailbox
Project Manager
Principal Contracting Officer
All NATEX

External:
All NATO Delegations