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### INVITATION

## 3<sup>rd</sup> AFSC Industry Day

NATO Alliance Future Surveillance and Control (AFSC)

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium

### **BACKGROUND**

Industry participation is crucial to the success of the AFSC Concept Stage, as NATO Allies define options for future surveillance and control capabilities.

NSPA, as Host Nation for the Concept Stage, is committed to continuing engagement with Industry early in the Programme. This will bring industry perspectives into the development of concepts for future surveillance and control capabilities.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> AFSC Industry Day will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at NATO HQ in Brussels, Belgium to provide industry attendees with the latest update on the AFSC project, currently in its 2nd Phase of the Concept Stage.

NSPA has recently awarded six contracts for the generation of high-level technical concepts. Planning is ongoing for the next step where high-level concepts will be further developed and analysed in Risk Reduction and Feasibility Studies. The Industry Day will also provide an opportunity for industry attendees to offer their views to inform the Programme way ahead. Companies should advise their specific topic of interest related to AFSC. The topics selected will be addressed during the Industry Day. Note: The Industry Day is neither a pre-qualification nor a solicitation conference.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

If you wish to register for the 3<sup>rd</sup> AFSC Industry Day, please complete the **registration form** and return it via email to <u>afsc\_industry\_day@nspa.nato.int</u> no later than 14th February 2020. Please note that due to space limitations, submitting a registration form does not guarantee attendance at the event. An official confirmation with the agenda will be sent to you when the registration is accepted. We plan to accommodate up to 100 companies, each with 2 representatives.

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### **Alliance Future Surveillance and Control (AFSC)**

The Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AWACS) has been NATO's key surveillance and control asset since the 1980s, and is planned to retire in 2035 after 50 years of service. To plan for the required follow-on capability, at the 2016 Summit in Warsaw, NATO launched Alliance Future Surveillance and Control (AFSC) specifically to develop options for future NATO surveillance and control capabilities.

In February 2017, the North Atlantic Council initiated the AFSC Concept Stage with NSPA as the lead NATO agency to conduct studies and develop technical concepts. These studies will help inform future decisions by NATO, individual nations or multinational groups to acquire new systems in time before the AWACS fleet retirement.

NSPA has formed the AFSC Project Office to manage the AFSC Concept Stage activities in

collaboration with other NATO bodies, Nations and Industry.

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