



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANIZATION
CENTRE FOR MARITIME RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION



TO: NATO Delegations
Attn. Secretaries of Delegations

CC: STO FC

FROM: Head of Contracts

DATE: 28 April 2021

SUBJECT: Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) no. CMRE 21-002 for the Provision of Technical Support to NATO Research Vessels Alliance and Leonardo.

Ref.: A. BC-D(2017)0114 - NATO IS Procurement Manual

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article XXXII of the NATO Financial Regulations and Financial Rules and Procedures, we are pleased to inform you that CMRE intends to issue the Invitation for Bids (IFB) stated above in the upcoming months.
2. This procurement action will follow the Formal Procurement procedure specified in Reference A, adopted by the STO CMRE Procurement Procedures.
3. The following information is provided in conjunction with the anticipated issuance of Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) package no. CMRE 21-002:

IFIB Reference: **CMRE-21-002**

Title of IFIB: Technical Support to NATO Research Vessels Alliance and Leonardo.

Requirement: The STO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE) is the custodian on behalf of NATO of two research vessels, NRV ALLIANCE (3180t) and CRV LEONARDO (380t). ALLIANCE is an ocean-going vessel and LEONARDO is used primarily in coastal waters. The vessels are flagged and crewed by the Italian Navy under a Memorandum of Understanding between NATO and the Italian Ministry of Defence.

CMRE intends to award a contract for the provision of technical management services, for both vessels commencing 1 January 2022.

The Managers shall provide technical management which includes, but is not limited to the following services:

- a) ensuring that the Vessels comply with the requirements of the law of the Flag State;
- b) ensuring compliance with the ISM Code;
- c) providing competent personnel to supervise the maintenance and general efficiency of the Vessels;
- d) arranging and supervising dry dockings, repairs, alterations and the maintenance of the Vessels to the standards agreed with the Owners;
- e) arranging the supply of necessary stores, spares and lubricating oil;
- f) appointing surveyors and technical consultants as the Managers may consider from time to time to be necessary;
- g) arranging for the supply of provisions unless provided by the Owners and arranging for the sampling and testing of bunkers.

All maintenance and repairs are to be conducted in line with the approved planned maintenance system and Classification Society rules.

Type of Contract: Firm Fixed Price (FFP) for the Technical Management Services and Cost Reimbursable (CR) for Maintenance, Repair, Spares, Stores, Consumables, Survey and Communications.

Period of Performance: Performance period is January 1 2022- Dec 31 2022. Four additional option years are envisioned each of 12 months starting on Jan 1st 2023

Bidding Procedure: Sealed bid.

Award Method: Best value.

Funding: Estimated annual amount is 2.75M Euro, of which approximately 0.5M is expected to be FFP (for management / technical management fee and associated costs) and 2.25M CR (working capital and expenses).

Estimated cumulative amount over the five years period is approx. 13.75M Euro.

Classification: The solicitation and resulting contract documents are classified NU, however the performance of services will be at the NR level and require unescorted access inside secure areas (Class II) of CMRE. Consequently, a personal security clearance (PSC) at the NS level will be required for all Contractor's personnel performing services at CMRE.

IFIB Issue Date: 25 JUN 2021 (TBC)

IFIB Closing Date: 31 AUG 2021 (TBC)

Eligibility: Solicitation is open to all governmental and/or commercial entities that originate or are chartered/incorporated within NATO-member nations.

Eligible Companies must be able to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM CODE).

Performance

Location(s): Place of performance is partially at CMRE in La Spezia, Italy and partially at Contractor's premises.

It is expected that the Contractor would maintain a local presence in La Spezia and have the ability to support the vessel on world-wide operations.

Partial bidding: Partial Bidding is not allowed.

Website: <http://www.cmre.nato.int/procurement/open-solicitations>

4. You are hereby invited to nominate, **by email** the names, full address, point of contact, telephone, and e-mail address of potential qualified bidders established within your country.
5. CMRE Contracting Officer will email the IFIB documents to all interested prospective bidders, as well as post them on the CMRE's website to make it available for download. This and any other correspondence hereto is to be addressed to:

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Respectfully,

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