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TO: MBC's Distribution List for Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) Procedure.

DATE: 07 Feb 2012

SUBJECT: Notification of Intent to issue an Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) for Professional Contractor Support to the NATO Undersea Research Centre's (NURC) "OpenSea" Simulator, in La Spezia - Italy.

1. In accordance with the stipulations of the Bi-Sc Procurement Directive 60-70, Annex B, the following information is provided on an Invitation for International Bidding (IFIB) that this NATO Research Centre has intention to release:

IFIB Reference: **ACT-NURC-12-04**

Title of IFIB: Professional Contractor Support to the NURC's Modeling & Simulation (M&S) activities, in La Spezia - Italy.

Requirement: "OpenSea" is a name associated with a simulation and gaming platform developed at NURC over several years, consisting of hardware, software, licenses, models, and databases, as well as support facilities and equipment. "OpenSea" is a prototype platform for offering so-called "Serious Gaming" events to NATO and the nations, and to showcase NURC environmental and sensor models developed in the CPOW. The Centre intends to use professional contractor support to augment the resources available for the OpenSea simulator operations and to address interoperability with NATO's federated Modeling & Simulation (M&S) frameworks based, e.g., on high-level architecture (HLA, IEEE 1516-2010). The precise number of professionals and the profiles required in the areas of system administration, HLA, C++, Java and MatLab programming, will be detailed in the solicitation document.

Type of Contract: Firm Fixed Price (FFP), level of effort - Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) based on daily rates – to be confirmed at time of solicitation issuance.

Period of performance: Base period: 1 June 2012 – 31 December 2012, plus four option years (2013-2016).

Bidding Procedure: Lowest compliant bidder. Sealed bid (no negotiations).

Funding: 242-2012-722112
(Estimated annual amount Euro 240,000.00. Estimated cumulative amount Euro 1,200,000.00).

Classification: NATO SECRET
(Note: the solicitation and the contract documents are not classified)

Issue Date: 13 March 2012 (target date).

Bid Closing Date: 24 April 2012 (target date)

Eligibility: Contractors must possess a Facility Security Clearance Certificate (FSCC) and/or have available sufficient number of employees possessing valid NATO security clearances at least at the NATO Secret level, **by the bid closing date.** Contractor personnel performing services under the contract must be citizens of a NATO nation.

Delivery/Performance Location(s): NURC, La Spezia, Italy

Partial bidding: Partial Bidding and multiple awards are possible and foreseen.

Website: <http://www.nurc.nato.int/procurement/index.htm>

2. This Centre will directly mail the IFIB to all potential bidders, as well as make it available on the NURC's web site for download. You are hereby invited to nominate, by email (preferred) or facsimile by **13 March 2012**, the name, full address, point of contact, telephone, facsimile number and e-mail address, of potential qualified bidders established within your country. This and any other correspondence hereto is to be addressed to:

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Respectfully,

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