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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 (NURC) Information and Communication Technology Office, 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-12-03**

Title of IFIB: Professional Contractor Support to the NURC's Information and Communication Technology Office.

Requirement: The NATO Undersea Research Centre (NURC) Consolidated Program of Work (CPOW) and the reorganization of scientific IT capabilities drive specific requirements for specialized IT technical support to a multi-platform operating environment composed of Linux, Unix and Windows systems and during the execution of field trials at sea and in temporary shore laboratories. The Centre intends to use professional contractor support to augment the resources available for CPOW execution. Personnel engaged in this activity must have a broad knowledge of Information Technology and their integration to implement and maintain project-specific CIS systems at NURC, on NURC's research vessels, Leonardo and Alliance, or in other locations depending on projects related requirements. The precise number of professionals and the profiles required 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 July 2012 – 31 December 2012, plus four option years (2013-2016).

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

Funding: 242-2012-722112

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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