

IFIB: IFIB-ACT-SACT-23-01 PART A

Reference: Q & A # 1

Date of Issue: 21 December 2022

The following questions were raised with respect to subject IFIB. Responses are to provide clarification.

Questions	Responses
1. Request IFIB-ACT-SACT-23-01 PART A to be extended to a 20JAN2023 deadline for bid submittals.	The deadline for PART A bid submittals will not be extended as requested.
2. When will a PART B Q&A be uploaded?	Expect PART B Q&A to be uploaded early January 2023.
3. The NOI published last month suggested that delivery locations would include off site delivery from NATO approved contractor sites. A browse through the IFIB suggests this is not the case and that all delivery locations are On Site, with the vast majority of those at HQ SACT in Norfolk, VA. Can you please confirm whether approved, contractor operated alternative delivery locations could be proposed without “loss of compliance” with the SOW? This would be discriminant for Europe based contractors.	Please kindly note the notification of intent is simply intended to give national delegations the opportunity to submit names of eligible, interested, and capable companies based on the preliminary requirement. The published IFIB Solicitation File is published on the ACT website and also provided to Nations while defining the requirement in greater granularity based on the actual required labor categories to include location whether listed as Norfolk, VA, Belgium or remote.
4. These IFIB text references refer to (Part A). Can NATO please clarify if there is another Part to this bid and/or what the reason is for this reference? Cover page; Price Volume, Page 18, 4th paragraph	We just recently posted a Part B. When we are on our last Part, we will annotate it as being the last Part.
5. The first text reference on page 32 indicates there is one candidate required for LCAT1. The paragraph on page 33 refers to 2 contractors. Can NATO clarify if LCAT 1 will require 1 or 2 FTEs? LCAT 1: pages 32-33	LCAT 1 is for one candidate. Price volume accounts for one candidate, not two. Disregard the paragraph text mentioning two contractors.
6. Can NATO confirm that all 47 (as LCAT 20 has been removed) positions listed in the IFIB are Key Positions, including those with a delayed start date?	Yes, all are key positions.
7. Can NATO please identify each of the positions as either incumbent or as new positions? Additionally, can NATO provide companies and associated contract numbers for the identified incumbent positions?	We are not able to identify all incumbents at this time.
8. Can NATO clarify if Partial Bidding refers to submitting one candidate in LCATs that require 2 or more candidates? Are there other types of Partial Bidding permitted on this bid? For example, can bidders bid on	Correct. Partial Bidding is authorized for all LCAT areas. If a specific LCAT has more than one candidates being requested, a company can still submit one candidate only without penalty.

<p>select LCATs and still be considered compliant?</p> <p>Page 29, paragraph 1</p>	
<p>9. IFIB 23-01 states no limit on the number of Past Performance examples, and no limit on either an overall page count or a per item page count. Can NATO please clarify if there is a maximum number of Past Performance examples, or if there is a maximum page count for resumes or matrices, or for the overall length of the bid?</p>	<p>No limit.</p>
<p>10. Can NATO clarify if bidders are supposed to 'self-score' anywhere within the matrices or bid, the candidates they present?</p>	<p>Yes. The bidders are expected to self-score their proposed candidates. Failure to provide exact reference (page, paragraph, line #, ref to CV) to where experience can be validated will result in disqualification.</p>
<p>11. Each Matrix has this language in a box after the listing of Compliant/Non-Compliant requirements. Can NATO please clarify if this language refers to an action bidders must perform and if so, how? As examples, boxes at the bottom left of pages 38, 47, and 55</p>	<p>There is a compliance/non-compliance matrix, immediately followed by a grading matrix that spans over multiple pages for each LCAT. The text you are referring to is the first row and four columns in each LCAT's grading matrix.</p>
<p>12. Can NATO please clarify the meaning of these references (TT, IFIB Progress, ACT-#s) that appear above LCATs throughout the bid and how they refer to bidders and/or bids? As examples, boxes at the top of pages 42, 51</p>	<p>The one row table you refer to identify each program being addressed within the IFIB. First Column: Program Second Column: Generated Tasker Tracker (TT) number that groups the subsequent LCATs into the identified table's program. Third Column: How many LCATs are in the program and then which LCAT numbers they are. Fourth Column: Within this Tasker Tracker (TT), how many candidates will be requested. Fifth Column: Accumulated number of requested candidates so far from that page back of candidates being requested in the IFIB. This column is a running tally as you progress down through each program.</p>
<p>13. IFIB 23-01 refers to both Annex A and Annex B. Can NATO please define both, as well as their location and content in the bid document? Does NATO want each resume followed by its corresponding matrix, or separate sections, one for all resumes and one for all matrices?</p>	<p>Administrative Error: Treat Annex A- Best Value Grading Matrix and Annex B Grading Matrix as the same. There is only one grading matrix within each LCAT.</p>
<p>14. Can NATO clarify if all teaming partners must have a declaration of eligibility with NATO or just the Prime contractor?</p>	<p>While we request Prime contractor's have a declaration of eligibility, we will still accept bids from all Prime contractors.</p>
<p>15. The education qualifications for this LCAT conflict. In one text location, a Bachelor's degree is listed as a requirement; in another text location, it states a Master's degree is a requirement. Can NATO please clarify which degree is an Essential Qualification for LCAT 26, and/or if the Master's degree reference should be a 'preferred qualification'?</p> <p>LCAT 26: Junior Data Scientist; Pages 231-232; Essential Qualifications; 1. and 7.</p>	<p>Administrative error for LCAT 26. Disregard qualification number 7 of this LCAT. Bachelor's degree is listed within the best value grading matrix, so Bachelor's degree will be the minimum requirement.</p>
<p>16. The education qualifications for this LCAT conflict. In one text location, a Bachelor's degree is listed as a requirement; in another</p>	<p>Administrative error for LCAT 28. Disregard qualification number 7 of this LCAT. Bachelor's degree is listed within the best value grading matrix,</p>

<p>text location, it states a Master's degree is a requirement. Can NATO please clarify which degree is an Essential Qualification for LCAT 28, and/or if the Master's degree reference should be a 'preferred qualification?</p> <p>LCAT 28: Data Engineer; Essential Qualifications, page 248, 1. and 7.</p>	<p>so Bachelor's degree will be the minimum requirement.</p>
<p>17. Since Technical Assistance Agreements (TAAs) can require up to 90 days to complete, can NATO please share the Point of Contact within NATO ACT to assist companies with export control requirements?</p>	<p>Please utilize the POCs listed within the IFIB.</p>
<p>18. Will NATO accept proposals and conduct the bid evaluation process for submissions with representative resumes matrixed to specific LCAT positions?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>19. Can HQ SACT confirm that they will validate that candidates from offerors will be available to start 1 Feb (or on the proposed start date outlined in the LCATs)? Page 28 (Part A, Section 2)</p>	<p>Yes, should the CAC board conclude and bidders notified ahead of time. Expected start date is 1 Feb. The period of performance start date is subject to award date.</p>
<p>20. Can HQ SACT confirm that corporate past performance citations in Enclosure 3 can be also be offered within the LCAT requirements matrices, where the past performance citation is clearly relevant to the LCAT requirements outlined in the SOW? Page 29 (Part A, Section 7)</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>21. Can HQ SACT confirm that certifications including The Open Group Certified Architect, The TOGAF 9 Certification, AWS Certified Solution Architect, CISSIP-ISSP, Google Professional Cloud Architect, The Zachman Certified Enterprise Architect, are acceptable Enterprise Architecture certifications for LCAT 19? Page 180 (Section 12, LCAT 19, Requirements Matrix, Row 4)</p>	<p>Yes.</p>