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TO: Potential Bidders

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SUBJECT: Questions and Answers Amendment #1 to Invitation for International Bidding IFIB-ACT-JFTC 19-61 for Analyst Assistant Contractor Support to the NATO Pre-Deployment Training Events conducted by the Joint Force Training Centre.

In accordance with IFIB-ACT-JFTC 19-61 Bidding Instructions – point 8 please find below the questions and answers. Published answers shall be regarded as the authoritative interpretation of the IFIB.

Question 1

We have a question to the subject IFIB regarding Advisor Network Tool (ANET) requirement.

IFIB-ACT-JFTC 19-61 Statement of Work lists "Demonstrated knowledge and experience of the Advisor Network Tool 2.0 (ANET) in support of Crisis Establishments (CE) manning allocation on trainings" as Essential Experience and "Certified Basic or Super User Advisor Network Tool (ANET)" as Essential Skills. At the same time the subject IFIB Scope of Work doesn't require any ANET usage and any ANET related deliverables.

ANET is used in theatre (RS and NM-I missions) by advisors to document their activities and exchange advisors' reports among them. As far, as I learned the only ANET Certification is provided in theatre for deployed advisors. Consequently, the subject IFIB ANET Certification and experience requirement limits potential bidders only to advisors who got ANET certification in theatre even though, ANET related deliverables are not mentioned in the Scope of Work.

The question is whether ANET certification and experience shall stay essential requirement or shall be considered as desirable requirement taking into consideration the fact, that Scope of Work doesn't require any ANET related work and/or deliverables?"

Answer 1

ANET is an essential tool for Pre-Deployment Training. Over the last iterations of pre-deployment trainings it has turned out that ANET has become the standard NATO tool for advisor coordination, as well as for mission information exchange, heavily used within both the Resolute Support and the NATO Mission Iraq. Therefore the practical training is also heavily focused on the familiarization and the use of ANET. Proper analysis work will not be possible without knowledge of the systems and its processes and procedures which the training audience will have to work with. Knowledge and experience with ANET is necessary for understanding the mission essential operational environment.

Question 2

We write in regard to: IFIB-ACT-JFTC 19-61, Page 13, Technical Evaluation Matrix (TEM) Item 4:

'Experience in NATO Communications and Information (CIS)/Automated Information Systems (AIS) processes and maintenance'

Question: Please can you kindly confirm that this is an error? The requirement seems 'out of place' to the broader role.

Answer 2

Indeed there is an error in the IFIB-ACT-JFTC 19-61, Page 13, Technical Evaluation Matrix (TEM) Item 4. This requirement is not listed in the Statement of Work, point 9.2.1. Essential Experience /Skills (page 50). Consequently, the Bidders must not respond to the requirement #4 in the Enclosure 4 - Technical Evaluation Matrix.

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