

QUESTION AND ANSWER (Q&A's) FOR REQUIREMENT

RFP or **IFIB**:

IFIB-ACT-SACT-23-62

Reference:

Questions # 1 – 19

Date of Issue:

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The following questions were raised with respect to the subject RFP/IFIB. Responses are to provide clarifications prior to receipt of offeror's proposal.

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Q #1: REF: Pg. 18, Para 4 (Tasking, Deliverables, and Schedule) "A scenario for this event has been provided with this IFIB."</p> <p>Is there an additional Annex or Appendix that will be distributed that describes the mentioned scenario? As published, The IFIB is missing Annex A.</p> <p>Rationale: Without a defined scenario the technical scope/solution and work package definitions will be very difficult to define, program technically, and price accurately.</p>	<p>The wargame scenario will now be provided after the contract is awarded. The first phase of the contract will focus on a future oriented wargame focused on non-kinetic actions while the second phase will be focused on a MDO wargame with more traditional force on force kinetic actions.</p>
<p>Q #2: REF: IFIB, Pg. 35, Item 2.</p> <p>Is it permissible for a Prime contractor without a Facility Security Clearance to use a subcontractor's FSC to satisfy the requirement to have an FSC at the time of bidding?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q #3: REF: IFIB, Pg. 18, Item 4</p> <p>The document states 'A scenario for this event (ie wargame phase 1) has been provided with this IFIB'. Please clarify where this scenario is located in the IFIB.</p>	<p>See answer to Question #1</p>
<p>Q #4: REF: Section 8. Bidder Clarifications, paragraph (a) states:</p> <p>"Prospective Bidders should seek clarification at their earliest convenience. Any explanation regarding the meaning or interpretation of this IFIB, terms, clause, provision or specifications, shall be requested in writing, from the Contracting Officer. The Contracting Officer must receive such requests for clarification no later than 3 (three) calendar days prior to the bid closing date."</p> <p>Please confirm if a company was not nominated as a prospective bidder by June 15th, would the company still be eligible to submit a proposal?</p>	<p>Yes, this IFIB is open to bidding outside those entities that gave early notice of their intent to bid.</p>
<p>Q #5: If necessary, can HQ SACT enter into negotiations with a selected/prospective bidder prior to award?</p>	<p>No, HQ SACT will not enter into negotiations.</p>
<p>Q #6: Upon e-mail proposal submission does the bidder receive a confirmation e-mail?</p>	<p>Please state in email that a confirmation email is requested.</p>

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Q #7: Annex B states "HQ SACT General Terms & Conditions dated 01/26/2022 and HQ SACT Special Terms and Conditions dated 10/08 apply to this contract and can be reviewed at www.act.nato.int/contracting under Contractor Information" however there are no HQ SACT Special Terms and Conditions posted on the website. Are we to assume the General Terms & Conditions dated 01/26/2022 are the only terms that apply?	HQ SACT Special Terms and Conditions referenced do not apply – See Amendment 1 – Terms and Conditions section.
Q #8: Although the IFIB states "travel is not required", if necessary to provide a better solution will it be authorized under this contract through Section 24 Contractor Travel?	Travel is handled as a separate purchase order and if warranted may be authorized.
Q #9: Please be aware number 13 & 14 on the Annex B grading Matrix has errors in the points range calculation. #13 reasoning for 5 points and 6 points is mixed up. #14 the 4 point reasoning does not match the item description.	This will be corrected in an amendment #2.
Q #10: Given there are no sensitive information requirements as listed in #10 Physical Security and #11 Security Considerations of Section 4, is the expectation bidders are to be fully compliant at the time of bidding with "electronically receiving, processing and distributing documentation up to NATO SECRET" as stated in Annex B?	Yes the expectation is to have the ability to electronically receiving, processing and distributing documentation up to NATO SECRET at the time of bidding
Q #11: For Activity 2.2, will NATO provide relevant mission data to support the development of wargame specific datasets (i.e. M&S theatre data including ORBAT, terrain, MSDL, C-BML, COP overlays) from C2IS data or will the Contractor provide this from public domain sources?	For Phase 1 the contractor will provide the mission data to support all relevant data sets. Phase 2 the contractor will provide the same support with NATO working to support with releasable data.
Q #12: Please advise where to find HQ SACT Special Terms and Conditions dated 10/08 described on page 38 of the subject IFIB:	HQ SACT Special Terms and Conditions referenced do not apply – See Amendment 1 – Terms and Conditions section.
Q #13: Will there be additional Government instructions released to bidders related to preparation of proposals?	No, there will not be any additional instructions released to bidders.
Q #14: Are there supporting documents that will be furnished as reference for responding to the IFIB? Specifically in Item 4 of the Statement of Work (page 18 of the IFIB), it is noted that a Scenario is or will be provided with the IFIB. However, we have not located the Scenario information.	See answer to Question #1 for scenario information.
Q #15: Does responding to this Proof of Concept IFIB preclude the respondent from bidding on/pursuing any follow on NexGen M&S RFPs?	Responding to this IFIB does not restrict respondents from bidding on/pursuing any follow on NexGen M&S RFPs.

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Q #16: Please note WP #9 is missing from the Pricing Chart in Enclosure 3.	This has been updated, See Amendment #2.
Q #17: Section 4.0 of Annex A states "A scenario for this event has been provided with this IFIB". Where can this be found?	See answer to Question #1
Q #18: Please provide clarification for #3 in the scoring matrix:	This has been updated, See Amendment #2.
Q #19: In Para. 12 you specifically list two email addresses for the Technical Proposal and the Price Proposal. Our company policy is to email documents containing CAE USA Inc. proprietary information via encrypted means. Do you have an encrypted email tool you prefer to use? If yes, please so advise. If not, then we will need to use our email system and I'd like to ensure you understand how it works in advance of submission.	No, unfortunately we do not have a separate encrypted email.