RFI:	RFI-ACT-SACT-24-40. GEOSPATIAL ENTERPRISE CORE SERVICES CAPABILITY

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The following questions were raised with respect to subject **RFI-ACT-SACT-24-40-GEOSPATIAL ENTERPRISE CORE SERVICES CAPABILITY.** Responses are to provide clarification.

Questions	Responses
1. Confirmation of the Contracting and Technical points of contact to receive responses is requested as different points of contact are listed in the pdf RFI document RFI-ACT-SACT-24-40 and the spreadsheet survey document ACT RFI 24-40.	The points of contact that are listed in the pdf RFI document RFI-ACT-SACT-24-40 takes precedence. The corrected spreadsheet survey document RFI-ACT-SACT-24-40 NATO GECS will be amended and uploaded.
2. The survey spreadsheet requires separate Product and Service Overview tabs where a company product or service covers more than one project area. The brief description section on the survey spreadsheet sets a limit of 5-10 pages for additional attachments but it is not clear if this applies to the total across all tabs, or is per tab. Additionally, the pdf document lays out the response template as a single main document and enclosures not to exceed 10 pages. Clarification is requested as to whether the 10-page limit is per GECS project area, or across all project areas to which we intend to respond.	Remain consistant with RFI-ACT-SACT-24-40 section 4.3.6 "Response limited to a single main document and enclosures for a total **not-to exceed 10 pages**". The intent here is to limit the amount of material to essential information to the small team working to define the capability alternatives for the NATO Staff. If a respondent has multiple products which each uniquely address the separate development area (i.e., CoreGIS, SDI, GIP, RGSC, GSCOI) they can add additional "Service or Product Overview" tabs to the main survey excel tool. However, we ask each respondent to consolidate their material to no more than 10 pages to answer the RFI. Links to additional information are acceptable.
3. Per the RFI instructions, our response is not to exceed 10 pages, including the main document and enclosures. Is the expectation that the overall response is to include the "Survey to the Nations and Industry" and that it will be counted as a part of the overall 10-page limit or is it intended to be submitted separately?	The expected response from companies is filled in tab(s) for "1. Service or Product Overview" with one tab per development area. The expected response from Nations is filled in tabs for "1. Service or Product Overview" with one tab per development area AND the "2. Nation Assessment" tab.
4. Regarding 3D – is the expectation that GECS will work seamlessly with 2D and 3D data (3D data in the form of objects or points clouds)?	This is the sort of information this RFI seeks to identify: what scope of ability does your tool provide? GECS Alternatives seek to encompass the full range of geospatial information.
5. With regard to 3D + time – is the expectation that GECS will work with time variant data (e.g. weather information – in 2d and/or 3d?)?	This is the sort of information this RFI seeks to identify: what scope of ability does your tool provide? GECS Alternatives seek to encompass the full range of geospatial information.
6. We found no requirements concerning security and rules for access to specific data types/regions/objects. Is this part of GECS or included in other measures? If a part of GECS can these requirements please be shared?	Please make note if your service or product is already operating on or is accredited to operate on NATO or NATO Nation defence networks. Detailed requirements are a part of subsequent phases of capability delivery.

7. Can you please share any current or planned/desired architectural elements concerning the data storage concepts relevant to GECS (central/decentral/hybrid/off-line/…)?	There is not a preference for a specific solution to data storage. The intent of the RFI is to survey industry and nations for what options exist, especially cloud based solutions in alignment with ongoing trends in technology.
8. Can you please address if GECS is expected to be a desktop/smart client or a browser-based solution?	There is not a preference for a specific hardware/software solution. We expect alternatives to involve a composite of on-line and off-line capabilities.
9. Are there data storage requirements, or is data storage already on-site that the system will be integrated with?	Please make note if your service or product is already operating on or is accredited to operate on NATO or NATO Nation defence storage environments. Detailed requirements are a part of subsequent phases of capability delivery.
10. Does NATO anticipate a web client, browser-based solution, or a desktop client-based solution?	See response to 8